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Floods Force Iowa Towns to Evacuate

CARRIED TO SAFETY: A rescue worker brings a dog to dry land after using a boat to reach him and his owner at their home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Thursday. The city called for the evacuation of 10,000 of its residents as floodwaters from the Cedar River continued to rise. Officials estimated 100 blocks were under water. ♦ **'At God's mercy':** Residents endure historic flooding | **Page 3**

Justices Rule for Detainees

Supreme Court rebukes Bush again on anti-terror policies

WASHINGTON | In a stinging rebuke to President Bush's anti-terror policies, a deeply divided Supreme Court ruled Thursday that foreign detainees held for years at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba have the right to appeal to U.S. civilian courts to challenge their indefinite imprisonment without charges.

Bush said he strongly disagreed with the decision — the third time the court has repudiated him on the detainees — and suggested he might seek yet another law to keep terror suspects locked up at the prison camp.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the 5-4 majority, acknowledged the terrorism threat the U.S. faces but declared, "The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times."

Kennedy said federal judges could ultimately order some detainees to be released, but he also said such orders would depend on security concerns and other circumstances. The ruling won't result in any immediate releases. The decision also cast doubt on the future of the military war crimes trials that 19 detainees, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other alleged Sept. 11 plotters, are facing so far. (AP)



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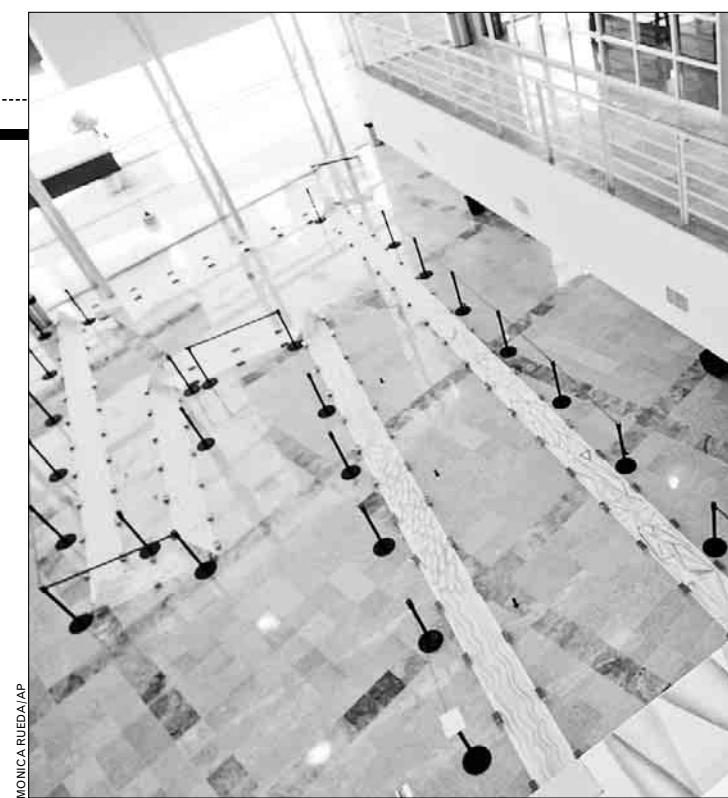
Putting a snapping turtle in the kitchen sink ended up shutting down a York, Pa., restaurant. Jim Zhao is working to bring his Panda Chinese Kitchen back up to code and hopes to be able to reopen on Thursday. Zhao said that "in China, a turtle is like a Buddha." It's supposed to bring good luck. Inspectors ordered the restaurant shut down on Friday after finding the turtle and other health code violations. Zhao says he rescued the turtle because he saw a man trying to get rid of it in the parking lot, so he put it in the sink until he could release it. He's now given it to a friend. Zhao says the restaurant had never been shut down under his management. (AP)



LAWS

Confused City Fights Repression, Not Recession

A ban on bikinis at the city pool in Kanab, Utah, is expected to be revised, ending a short-lived prohibition on the popular two-piece pool attire. But that does not mean that lifting the G rating is going to lead to poolside G-strings. "My recommendation is going to be no thongs or string bikinis," said Councilwoman Nina Laycock, who called the original dress code an oversight. "We were so engrossed with safety and health issues we overlooked the wording," Laycock said. Bikinis that don't reveal too much will be allowed, as will Speedos for men, when the new pool opens July 4. (AP)



EQUALITY

This So Needs to Happen in Humans

A weedy sea dragon at the Georgia Aquarium has something to celebrate

RECORDS

Drawn Breaks

He forgot to eat, sleep or even drink water. But Mexican artist Filemon Trevino accomplished his lifelong dream of entering the Guinness Book of World Records. On Wednesday, Trevino showed a Guinness certificate declaring his quarter-mile-long pencil drawing the world's largest. The artist said it took him 6,000 hours and that he used 800 pencils to complete his representation of the heart and circulatory system, with symbols including doves and geometric shapes. (AP)

this Father's Day. One of the rare creatures is pregnant for only the third time ever at a U.S. aquarium. But don't look for the expectant mom — dads carry the eggs in this family. The aquarium's sea dragon has about 70 fertilized eggs attached to his tail. He is expected to give birth in early to mid-July, said Kerry Gladish, a biologist at the aquarium. Sea dragons, sea horses and pipe fish are the only species in which the male carries the eggs. (AP)

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FAIRWAY HAZARD: Golfers beware: Putting around on golf carts can be hazardous to your health. A pair of studies released this week found that nearly 50,000 people were hurt in accidents involving golf carts over a four-year period. About half the injuries occurred on golf courses or other sports venues.

Undercover Patients Test Doctors

Medical association debates endorsement of secret evaluations

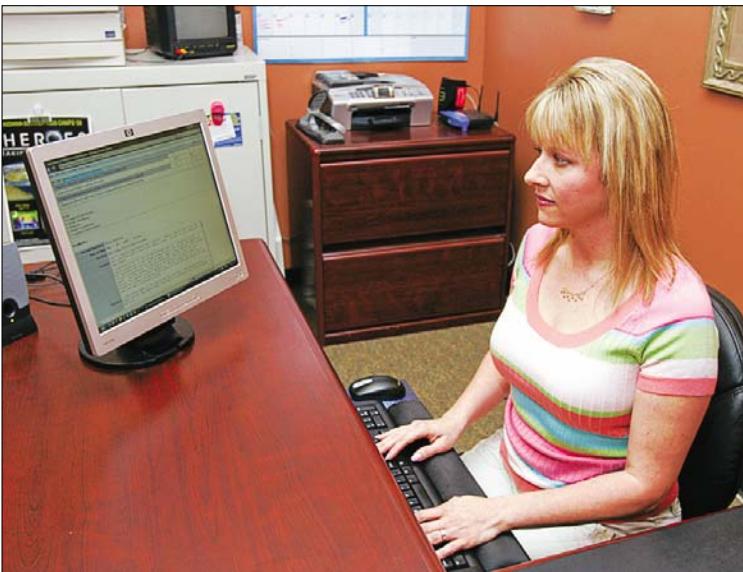
CHICAGO | Lori Erickson-Trump has faked headaches and back pain. She's had physicals and MRIs she didn't need, and she gets paid for it — all to evaluate the performance of doctors and their staffs.

Hospitals and health clinics are increasingly turning to these undercover patients to grade the health care experience being offered.

Now the ethics council of the American Medical Association is pressing the doctors group to endorse such practices. AMA delegates are expected to vote on the proposal, along with dozens of others, during their five-day meeting beginning Saturday.

Some doctors are outraged at the idea.

Dr. Richard Frederick called it "official deceit" that could have disastrous consequences. He wrote a commentary in May's edition of



Lori Erickson-Trump is an undercover patient paid to evaluate doctors and their staffs. Hospitals are increasingly using undercover patients to improve their care.

Virtual Mentor, the AMA's online ethics journal.

"In some instances sham patients have presented to over-crowded emergency rooms with chest pain," he wrote. "How could the hospital administration defend

this exercise to someone who suffers an adverse outcome while waiting his turn behind the person who is only pretending to be sick?"

The proposal to the AMA does include restrictions that address that and other concerns. The rec-

ommendation is to have a system that makes sure fake patients don't interfere with treating real ones; gives doctors a heads-up that undercover patients might be visiting; and ensures that bad reviews aren't used to punish doctors.

And Dr. James Loden, writing an opposing view in the online journal, says undercover patients are neither "devious" nor "spying."

"Employees, including doctors, are paid to do specific tasks; if they choose to perform at a level that is less than acceptable, they need to improve or find other jobs," he wrote.

Henry Ford Health System spends \$35,000 to \$60,000 per year on undercover patients to identify problems at its Detroit-area health clinics.

"Industry research shows that the patient perception of quality of care is based upon their whole experience," and not just on their doctor's medical skills, said Henry Ford spokeswoman Rose Glenn.

LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

Gas Stations Too Unprofitable For Exxon Mobil

HOUSTON | Exxon Mobil is getting out of the retail gasoline business, a market where profits have gotten tougher because of high crude oil prices.

The world's largest publicly traded oil company said Thursday it will sell its 820-company owned stations and another 1,400 outlets operated by dealers to gasoline distributors across the U.S.

However, motorists will continue to see Exxon and Mobil stations throughout the country. About 75 percent of its roughly 12,000 stations in the U.S. are owned by branded distributors. Exxon Mobil will still sell gasoline to those stations and be paid for the use of its name. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS:
A new survey by the Pew Research Center found that 83 percent of people in Japan are closely following the U.S. presidential election. (AP)

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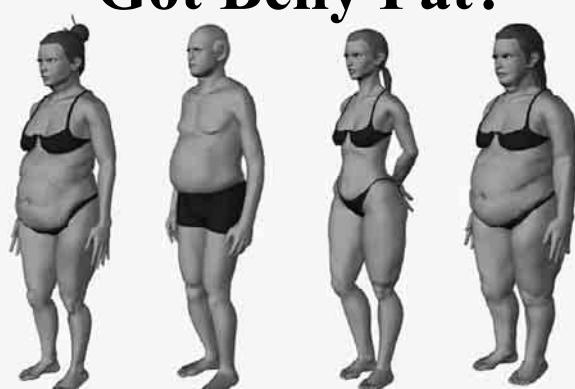
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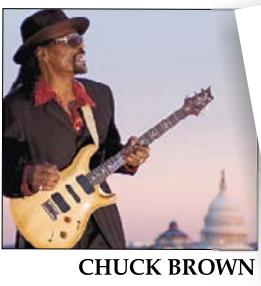
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The percentage of requested funds the United Nations has received for cyclone relief in Myanmar, according to the U.N. Thursday. It set a goal of \$201.6 million, but has received only \$113.2 million from government donors.

Zimbabwe Opposition's No. 2 Held

Mugabe rival detained on treason charge; U.S. says food aid seized

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | President Robert Mugabe's regime struck at his rivals Thursday only two weeks before Zimbabwe's presidential runoff, twice detaining his challenger and jailing the No. 2 opposition leader, Tendai Biti, to face treason charges.

The U.S. ambassador, meanwhile, said 20 tons of American

food aid heading to impoverished Zimbabwean children was seized by authorities last week and given to Mugabe supporters at a rally.

The detentions, coupled with Western accusations that Mugabe's regime is using food as a weapon, demonstrate the obstacles to the campaign led by the longtime leader.

Morgan Tsvangirai, who led the



Biti

BACKGROUND ON BITI

→ Tendai Biti's detention robs the opposition of one of its most impassioned spokesmen.
→ Biti has led on-and-off talks with Mugabe's party, and his arrest may signal Mugabe's final rejection of the possibility of negotiating Zimbabwe out of its political and economic crisis. (AP)

opening round of presidential voting 2½ months ago and faces Mugabe in a June 27 runoff, was stopped

twice by police while campaigning, and it was not known if he was still being held Thursday night.

But the biggest blow was aimed at Biti, secretary-general of Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change, who was arrested Thursday. Police said he would be charged with treason, which carries the possibility of the death penalty.

Police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said the treason charge related to a "transition document" discussing changing Zimbabwe's government. ANGUS SHAW (AP)

Irish Cast Ballots on EU Treaty

Citizens are unique test for measure that affects 500 million

DUBLIN | Ireland cast ballots Thursday on a treaty overhauling the European Union, in a referendum that by a fluke of constitutional law gives 3 million Irish voters a big say in the future lives of nearly 500 million Europeans.

For the Lisbon Treaty to go into force, all 27 EU nations must approve it. In 26 of those countries, the decision is up to politicians, where support is solid.

Only Ireland is bound by its constitution to put it to the citizens — and many of them are proudly contrarian.

Polls taken as the vote neared showed the issue too close to call, with the "no" vote gaining steam.

Virtually every major Irish political leader, business and industrial organization, trade union and farmers association has urged passage of a measure they describe as a benign attempt to streamline the EU's notoriously cumbersome bureaucracy and give Europe a more unified and stronger voice in world affairs.

Opponents argue that the treaty would weaken Ireland's voice in the EU. KEVIN SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Palestinians carry a man who was injured after an explosion destroyed a building in Beit Lahiya, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. KHALED HAMRA/AP

Explosion in Gaza Strip Town Kills 7

Hamas blames Israel, then suggests the blast was accidental

BEIT LAHIYA, GAZA STRIP | An explosion flattened a house in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing seven people. After blaming Israel and unleashing a barrage of rockets and mortar shells, Hamas suggested the blast was accidental, not an Israeli attack.

By then Israel had carried out

an airstrike aimed at a Gaza rocket squad, killing a Palestinian. Two other Israeli military operations in Gaza killed five more militants.

The violence threatened to scuttle Egyptian cease-fire efforts as they approached the finish line. A key Israeli envoy, Amos Gilad, was in Egypt trying to wrap up a deal, but results were not announced.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said the military was not near the house at the time of the blast.

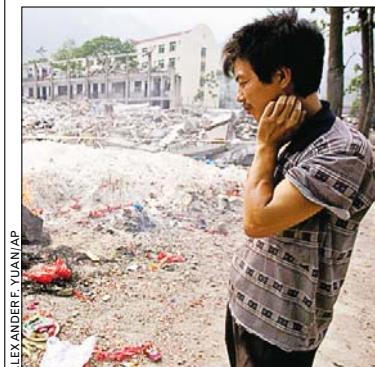
Hamas spokesman Abu Obeida

said there would be an investigation of the blast and the results would be made public, a statement taken as a Hamas acknowledgment that the blast was probably accidental.

Ambulances rushed to the scene of the blast in the town of Beit Lahiya, and residents of nearby homes brought shovels and bulldozers to help dig people out.

Hamas said seven people were killed, including a 4-month-old girl and a senior aide to the Hamas interior minister. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

In Brief



A man mourns for his cousin, who died in the earthquake in Beichuan, China. ALEXANDER F. YUAN/AP

BEICHUAN COUNTY, CHINA Police Try to Quell Public Anger 1 Month After Quake

Hundreds of grieving parents blocked the road into a flattened town Thursday, on the one-month anniversary of the May 12 earthquake, as police sought to quell a rising wave of public anger over schools that collapsed and killed thousands of children. Volunteers were detained, schools were cordoned off, and reporters were barred from the premises in at least two other towns. (AP)

BEIJING Taiwan, China Agree to Set Up Inter-Country Offices

Taiwan and China agreed Thursday to set up permanent offices in each other's territory for the first time in nearly six decades of hostility, one of the biggest trust-building steps they've taken in their political rivalry. There were few details and no time frame was given for establishing the offices, which could perform consular functions such as issuing travel documents. (AP)

BAGHDAD Iraqi Reinforcement Troops Deploy to City of Amarrah

Iraqi reinforcement troops deployed to the oil-producing southern city of Amarrah on Thursday as the military geared up for another crackdown against Shiite militiamen, officials said. U.S. and Iraqi commanders say many militia chiefs have fled to Amarrah and Iran after security operations in Basra and Baghdad's Sadr City. Amarrah is believed to be the hub of weapons smuggling from the Islamic Republic. (AP)

World

Tomatoes Flood Mexican Markets

U.S. salmonella scare forces exporters to stop shipping produce

MEXICO CITY | Export-quality tomatoes labeled "Ready to Eat" in English flooded Mexico City markets on Thursday after a salmonella scare in the U.S. stopped them from crossing the border.

There is no proof that Mexico provided the contaminated tomatoes that caused the alarm. The U.S.

Food and Drug Administration is still hunting for the source of the outbreak that has sickened at least 167 people in 17 U.S. states since mid-April.

The FDA has cleared imports from at least six countries — but not Mexico. Exports from Baja California came to a halt this week.

Jesus Macias, the sales manager at the Productora Agricola Industrial del Noreste, normally ships 50,000 boxes per day to an importer in Chula Vista, Calif. Since



Workers in Mexico City sort tomatoes that had been intended for the U.S.

the scare, "we can't sell a single box of tomatoes," he said.

Instead, he is sending his top-quality tomatoes to Mexican markets.

Most Mexican consumers do not even know about the U.S. salmonella scare. And those who do rarely care. Mexicans are accustomed to washing all produce because the vegetables sold on the national market are not held to the same standards as those certified for export. OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ (AP)

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The percentage of Mexico's tomato exports that are sent to U.S. markets.

Donors Pledge \$21B in Afghan Aid

PARIS | Donors ranging from the United States to the World Bank pledged more than \$21 billion for Afghanistan on Thursday — and this time they say they want their money better spent.

Benefactors who have already poured billions into Afghanistan since the ouster of the Taliban near-

ly seven years ago said they want greater coordination of the handouts and a larger role by President Hamid Karzai's administration.

Many donors complained about endemic corruption that has bled past donations in a nation where illegal drugs are the mainstay of a broken economy. (AP)

HEARSAY | MCCAIN ENDORSEMENT



"[T]his is for a very selfish reason: ... I would no longer be the oldest person at the upcoming G-8 [meeting]."

—SILVIO BERLUSCONI, ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER, 71, ON TUESDAY ON WHY HE WANTS JOHN MCCAIN TO BE THE NEXT U.S. PRESIDENT. BERLUSCONI SAID MCCAIN IS A MONTH OLDER THAN HE IS.

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Money



FOLLOWING SUIT: Baggage fees are fast becoming an unavoidable part of flying — the two largest carriers now charge \$15 for the first checked bag. United Airlines announced its new fee Thursday, three weeks after American Airlines set the precedent for the charge.

Stimulus Gets Americans Shopping

Retailers see strong sales in May, likely because of tax rebates

WASHINGTON | The stimulus checks are working. A big increase in retail sales signaled that people are spending their rebate payments, helping to ward off a serious economic slump, at least for now.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that retail sales rose 1 percent last month, double what had been expected. It was the largest increase since November and represented strong sales



Shoppers stand in the checkout line at a clothing store in New York. Consumers stepped up their shopping in May, giving many of the nation's retailers a boost.

at a variety of retailers, including the biggest increase at department stores and other general merchandise stores in a year.

The May increase, double what economists had been expecting, provided the strongest evidence yet that the economy is getting a major boost from the \$50 billion in economic stimulus payments the government sent out.

The big rise in May retail sales left economists feeling more secure that the economy is still skirting by the current slowdown without a full-blown recession.

"For now at least, the tax rebates

are trumping the higher energy and food costs and the other problems consumers are facing," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

Nigel Gault, an economist at Global Insight, had been expecting the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, to be just barely positive in the current April-June quarter, with GDP growth of 0.2 percent. But after the retail sales report and the upward revisions to previous months, he said GDP growth could come in around 1 percent.

"The landscape has completely changed with the report on retail sales," Gault said. "This just changes the whole picture."

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

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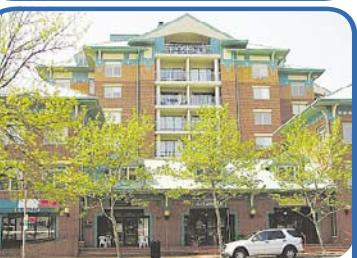
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Yahoo Ends Takeover Talks With Microsoft

Web company's shares plunge 10 percent on news of failed deal

SAN FRANCISCO | Yahoo Inc.'s efforts to revive takeover talks with Microsoft Corp. have reached a dead end, setting the stage for the Internet pioneer to turn over a piece of its advertising platform to online search leader Google Inc.

The news disclosed Thursday caused Yahoo shares to plunge 10 percent as investors abandoned hope that Microsoft would renew a nearly five-month quest to buy the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company.

While a stock sell-off is never welcome news for any company, Wall Street's disenchantment comes at a particularly bad time for Yahoo and its board of directors.

Yahoo is trying to fend off a shareholder mutiny led by activist investor Carl Icahn, who has vowed to replace the company's board because of the way the directors handled the Microsoft negotiations.

Icahn tried to persuade Microsoft to revive its last takeover offer of \$47.5 billion, or \$33 per share, but the software maker wasn't willing to bid that much again, according to statements from the two companies.

Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer had withdrawn an oral offer of \$33 per share after Yahoo CEO Jerry Yang asked for \$37 per share in a May 3 meeting. (AP)

HEARSAY | CONTROVERSY BREWS



"Selling out to the Belgians is not worth it — because this is about more than beer; it's about our jobs and our nation."

— MISSOURI GOV. MATT BLUNT, ON THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH BY BELGIAN BREWER INBEV. ANHEUSER-BUSCH, PRODUCER OF BUDWEISER BEER, IS BASED IN ST. LOUIS.



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NEW 'FLIPPER' TRYOUTS: Shiloh and Chesapeake, two Atlantic bottlenose dolphins at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, are expecting. The dolphins will each give birth to calves in late July or early August, aquarium officials say.

Local

WASHINGTON | FOLKLIKE FESTIVAL BRINGS BHUTAN



TRADITIONAL TEMPLE: Carpenters build a traditional Bhutanese Buddhist temple on the Mall Thursday, for the upcoming Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Bhutanese festival participants will use tools native to Bhutan during events.

8 Charged in \$35M Mortgage Scam

GREENBELT, MD. | Eight people have been indicted in an alleged \$35 million mortgage foreclosure rescue scheme to cheat lenders and homeowners facing foreclosure, a case authorities said is likely Maryland's largest mortgage fraud case ever.

Joy Jackson, the president of the former Lanham-based Metropolitan Money Store, and Jennifer McCall, the company's CEO,

are among eight people named in an indictment released Thursday in U.S. District Court on charges that include conspiracy, mail fraud and money laundering.

Metropolitan was a foreclosure rescue operation that claimed to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes.

Prosecutors say homeowners lost more than \$10 million in equity. (AP)

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Board Slams Metro Brass

Communication woes affect agency's ability to handle emergencies

Metro took too long to notify local emergency officials when an Orange Line train derailed this week, and failed to heed advice from Arlington transportation officials about maneuvering Metro shuttle buses around rush-hour traffic, board Chairman Chris Zimmerman said Thursday.

Metro's difficulty in communicating quickly and clearly with riders during major incidents is one of riders' most common and long-standing complaints. But Metro's response during the derailment and other Orange Line disruptions this week highlights a broader and more

ONE TRACK GRIND

Metro's Orange Line had seen two major stoppages before Wednesday's rush-hour delays:

- Last week, storm conditions forced a halt in service between East Falls Church and West Falls Church stations during evening rush hour.
- Monday, a derailment between Court House and Rosslyn stations trapped more than 400 people in a tunnel for nearly two hours.

troubling issue, Zimmerman said: the transit agency's ability to communicate and coordinate effectively with other agencies during emergencies.

"There seem to be communication issues not only with our custom-

ers, but also between jurisdictions and within Metro itself," he said.

During a review of the incidents Thursday, Metro Deputy General Manager Gerald Francis acknowledged that agency managers need to get information to riders and emergency personnel more quickly.

But board members were in no mood for Metro officials' promises to do better next time.

Metro cannot control the weather and it has little control over heat-related problems such as a rail kink — a bend in the track that halted service during Wednesday's rush-hour — said Zimmerman, an Arlington County Board member. "But we can control how we respond to those incidents, and that's what riders will hold us responsible for."

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, June 12

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-9-7
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	5-8-3
Mid-day DC 4	0-5-6-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-4-8-5
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	18-30-33-34-35
Daily 6 (Wed.)	15-19-23-27-28-30 Bonus: 34
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	I-2-9-19-25 (9)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-8-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	I-7-6-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-2-4-2
Match 5 (Wed.)	II-16-20-25-27 Bonus: 2I
Lotto (Wed.)	2-4-7-22-24-35

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	5-1-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-8-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	0-5-9-8

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **0-7-7-5**

Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) **4-17-22-25-34**

Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) **3-14-17-28-30**

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STALL TACTICS: Twenty to 25 percent of people put off things so much that they've been deemed "chronic" procrastinators.

Why Not Now?

It's never too late to fight back against your procrastination

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | More than once during your ongoing game of Dodge the Guy in Accounting, you have pondered the obvious: Why don't I just fill out the stinking form already? It's a good question. Why do you put things off?

Wouldn't it be nice to be on time for all things? To be the one whose taxes are filed while there's still snow on the ground? You are not alone. "Everyone procrastinates,"

says Joseph Ferrari, a DePaul University psychology professor.

In fact, 20 to 25 percent of people put off things so persistently that they're deemed "chronic" procrastinators. "They don't RSVP on time; they wait until the gas is on empty; they don't go to the doctor when they're supposed to," Ferrari says.

Beyond the immediate fallout from your failure to get it done, there's the stress of having something hanging over your head, the time spent making excuses, the loss of credibility when you routinely fail to perform and, worst of all, the opportunities missed while you're

frittering away valuable minutes.

There's probably more to your procrastination than you've recognized. At the root of stall tactics, there often is fear, says Elyse

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Find concrete tips on how to beat procrastination ... plus, advice on reducing your carbon footprint and the wisdom of the Three Wise Guys.

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Goldstein, a psychologist in private practice in New York.

For some, it's fear of failure, which creates anxiety and a subconscious self-protective response. For others, it's fear of success. Such procrastinators worry that "if they do well, more demands will be placed on them," Goldstein says. To be safe, they put it off.

Some procrastinators even do it for the thrill, Ferrari says. "If they pull it off at the last minute, there's this rush, this euphoric feeling they get," he explains.

Of course, some experts think it's all much simpler than that. "It's almost a knee-jerk reaction to discomfort," says psychologist Bill Knaus author of "The Procrastination Workbook."

"You don't want to feel uncomfortable, fearful, uncertain, bored or whatever else the negative feeling is," he says. So, you "needlessly avoid a timely relevant activity until another day or time." When that day or time arrives, "the probability is that you'll put it off again."

For hard-core procrastinators (the 20 percent labeled "chronic"), time management and organizational efforts aren't likely to have much impact. Ferrari likens such efforts to "telling a depressed person to cheer up." Therapy is often the only answer.

But for the other 80 percent or so, those people who procrastinate only some of the time, simple measures can greatly decrease the tendency to put off things.

The first step is to stop deluding yourself. You may find yourself sputtering that you work best under pressure. But "[s]tudies show [procrastinators'] performance is actually pretty bad," Ferrari says, because they work quickly and take shortcuts.

Consider the underlying reasons that might be to blame. Are you fearful of being controlled by others? Of failure? Of success? If you know what's stopping you, you can better address it. Tell yourself, "If I'm going to fail, I may as well find out now," Goldstein suggests.

If you can moderately curb your procrastination, you're likely to see rewards: in reduced stress, improved effectiveness and less wasted time and lost opportunities.

And the guy in accounting can stop stalking you, which you'll both surely appreciate. CHRISTINA BREDA ANTONIADES (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Beat Up: The Nats' roster has been in flux most of the season with the team's top players going on and off the disabled list. | 15

Sports Weekend



Phil Mickelson started with three bogeys on his front nine on Thursday but turned it around on the back nine and finished at even par, three behind the clubhouse leader.

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Right at Home

Lefty Phil Mickelson is very familiar with this year's U.S. Open venue

U.S. OPEN | This is one U.S. Open where Phil Mickelson should feel at home. He grew up in San Diego and played high school matches at Torrey Pines. His photo — along with those of the city's other famous athletes — hangs from the concourse in the San Diego airport.

This major has been anything but friendly, however. A 34-time winner on the PGA Tour, Mickelson is 0-for-17 in the national championship, and he's tied with Sam Snead for most close calls with four runner-up finishes at the Open.

"Well, I love it," Mickelson said. "I just haven't gotten the love back."

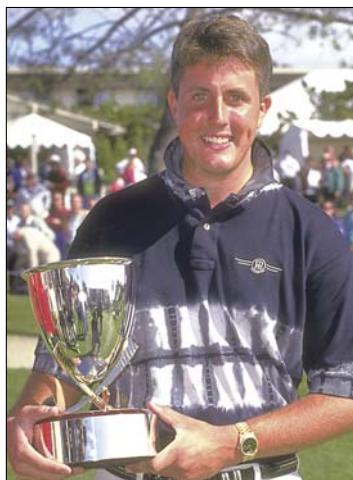
He's gotten plenty of love from this scenic oceanside, canyon-filled

course, rewarding his hometown cheering sections by winning the Buick Invitational here three times — but not once since the course was revamped for the U.S. Open.

"I haven't putted the greens as well since the redesign," said Mickelson. "But I've been spending a lot of time on the greens ... and I should have that local knowledge again on the greens."

One thing he already has back is his health. A year ago, Mickelson injured his wrist. He had to withdraw from the Memorial, missed the cut at the U.S. Open and endured what turned out to be a lost summer. Mickelson has won four tournaments since then and he said he's feeling better than ever.

He looked fine during a practice round Tuesday, when he drew a boisterous gallery armed with throngs of autograph hounds, many of whom



A young Phil Mickelson poses with his trophy after winning the 1993 Buick Open.

GARY NEWKIRK/SALISPORT

he accommodated.

"I want to make sure my energy is up this week," Mickelson explained. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to

compete in the U.S. Open on the course I grew up on in the prime of my career. And so I want to give myself every opportunity to play my best golf this week."

Mickelson has canceled all his extracurricular activities to focus on the holes he's dreamed of playing ever since he was a little boy.

"Those are some of the fondest memories I have of my game."

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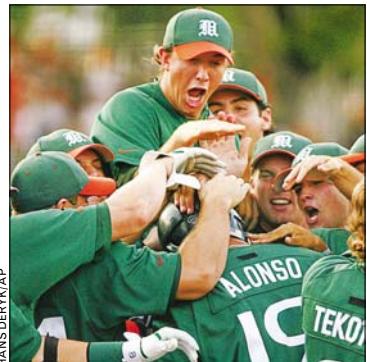
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He'd love nothing more than to make more memories this weekend at Torrey Pines.

"This is a tournament I know and believe I can win," Mickelson said. "I think that this golf course gives me the best opportunity available to do that. Winning this tournament would be something that would help define my career."

ARNIE STAPLETON (AP)

TV Lineup



The Miami Hurricanes are the favorite team in the College World Series.

friday

11:50 A.M. The group phase of the 2008 European Championship continues as world champion Italy battles Romania and Netherlands faces France. **ESPN2**

1 P.M. Coverage of the second round of the U.S. Open Championship tees off in the early afternoon and continues all day. **ESPN, NBC**

saturday

2 P.M. The College World Series begins with Florida State playing Stanford and continues with Miami-Georgia at 7 p.m. **ESPN**

3:30 P.M. The Cincinnati Reds host the defending champion Boston Red Sox. **FOX**

8:30 P.M. The NASCAR Nationwide Series is in Kentucky for the Meijer 300 on Saturday night. **ESPN2**

sunday

3 P.M. Tiger Woods will try to one-up last year's second-place finish during the final round of the U.S. Open Championship. **NBC**

5 P.M. The U.S. national soccer team squares off against Barbados in stage 2 of the World Cup qualifier. **ESPN2**

8 P.M. Red-hot Chipper Jones and the Atlanta Braves face the AL West leading L.A. Angels in interleague play. **ESPN**

9 P.M. The NBA Finals continue as the Boston Celtics, who have struggled on the road in the playoffs, play Game 5 in L.A. before heading back to Boston, if necessary. **ABC**



NBA FINALS |

A Decent Proposal Ticket prices for the Celtics-Lakers NBA Finals have been out of control, so one Boston fan is looking for a cheap trade. With his wife's permission, Kyle Carter placed an ad on Craigslist last week that read "trade my hot wife for 2 celts tickets!" The Medford (Mass.) Transcript reported. The deal is for a dinner date with his wife, nothing more, but Carter describes his wife as "5-4 105 brown hair eyes great body toned very pretty girl." He said he tried waiting in line to get tickets in other ways, but with no luck. **(EXPRESS)**

Weekend Sports

Tiger Roars Back After Slow Start

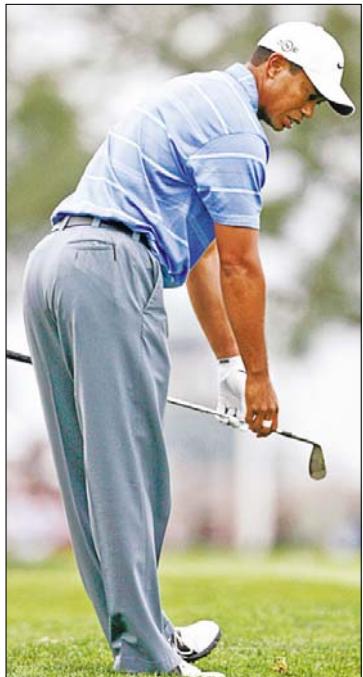
Woods climbs into contention; Hicks is opening day surprise

U.S. OPEN | There's only one Tiger Woods. There's more than one Justin Hicks.

While Woods was going through an up-and-down opening round at the U.S. Open on Thursday, the relatively unknown Hicks was grabbing the lead.

Nobody was happier to see Hicks, the Nationwide Tour player, succeed than another Justin Hicks — one who just happens to be a club pro in the area and played the Buick Open at Torrey Pines earlier this year.

Hicks, the club pro, walked the gallery with the U.S. Open leader's wife, and they all celebrated when the tour pro finished with a score of 3-under 68, good for the clubhouse lead with about half the field still on



Tiger Woods reacts to a shot on the 2nd hole Thursday. He finished 1-over.

the course. "A lot of weird stuff going on out there today," Hicks said.

It was very strange, indeed, to watch Woods hook his opening tee shot into the deep kikuya rough en route to a double-bogey that put him in catch-up mode from t



GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS

The scorecard for this year's U.S. Open will read par 71, 7,643 yards, which makes it the longest course in major championship history. Some key holes:

- The sixth hole, converted to a par-4 for the U.S. Open, measures 515 yards and is the longest par-4 in U.S. Open competition. This hole is a major reason Phil Mickelson called this "the hardest course in the world."
- Hole No. 13, pictured, is the longest hole on the course at 614 yards. A new tee box now requires a 240-yard drive to reach the fairway, and it is doubtful anyone will reach the green, which is elevated and protected, in two.
- The fourth and 12th holes are both monster par-4s, 488 and 504 yards, respectively. Both are lined with trees, making for tight tee shots.
- The 221-yard par-3 11th typically plays longer than its yardage because of a prevailing wind from the ocean.

he start. He rallied with three birdies through the rest of the front nine to get under par, but gave that back with a double-bogey on No. 14.

He finished at 1-over 72. "Getting into the flow of the first round,"

U.S. OPEN LEADERBOARD

Kevin Streelman -4 (through 13)

Justin Hicks -3

Geoff Ogilvy -3 (through 10)

Rocco Mediate -2

Stuart Appleby -2

Eric Axley -2

Luke Donald -2 (through 10)

Ernie Els -2 (through 10)

Rickie Fowler -1

Robert Karlsson -1

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Woods said when asked what his biggest challenge was in the comeback after knee surgery. "It helps when you hit six shots on the first hole."

Woods was part of the day's glamour threesome, along with Phil Mickelson and Adam Scott, the top three players in the world. Mickelson overcame a balky putter early to finish at even par. Scott, playing with a broken right pinkie,

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Emilio Sparks United Run

Reigning MVP leads D.C. through a 2-0-1 stretch and road win

UNITED | Though D.C. United coach Tom Soehn warned that his club "still has a lot of room to make up" following its miserable start, prospects have brightened considerably following a 2-0-1 stretch that concluded with United's first road victory in nine months.

For starters, last weekend's 2-1 win at arch-nemesis Chicago lifted United (4-7-1) out of the Eastern Conference cellar. It also featured the rebirth of 2007 MLS MVP and 2008 bust Luciano Emilio, who seems to have rediscovered how to play soccer.

After weeks of listless and ineffective play, the Brazilian once again is a force. He has goals in three



United's Luciano Emilio, last year's league MVP, has scored in three straight games.



Ivica Vastic, left, celebrates his penalty kick that tied the game in final minutes.

Austria Manages A Tie on a Late Penalty Kick

EURO 2008 | After wasting a half-dozen excellent scoring chances Thursday, Austria broke through in the closing moments of injury time to tie Poland 1-1 at the European Championship.

It took a penalty against the Poles on a free kick, with Ivica Vastic converting. Mariusz Lewandowski pulled the shirt of Sebastian Proedl in the area on a free kick and the referee awarded the Austrians the penalty kick that Vastic sent to the goalkeeper's right.

Brazilian-born playmaker Roger Guerreiro had given Poland the lead by tapping in a 30th-minute cross from Marek Saganowski. (AP)

Croatia Stuns Germany, 2-1

Croats will advance to elimination round after winning first 2

EURO 2008 | Maybe Croatia is the team to watch out of Group B at the European Championship.

The Croats stunned pretournament favorite Germany 2-1 Thursday. The Germans hardly looked the odds-on choice, often appearing confused on defense and sloppy on offense. And the Croats were unlucky not to score more often in advancing to the quarterfinals.

"This match showed that we can play with everyone," midfielder Niko Krancjar said. "We dominated the field, never letting them develop their own game."

Croatia now has six points and clinched the group when Austria tied Poland 1-1.

Croatia took the lead in the 24th minute after Danijel Pranjic swapped passes with Ivan Rakitic and then sent a cross for Dario Srna. He slid just ahead of defender Marcell Jansen and scored past goalkeeper Jens Lehmann.

Ivica Olic made it 2-0 in the 63rd



Croatia's Dario Srna, center, celebrates with his teammates after scoring the first goal during his team's win over Germany. The win clinched a spot in the next round.

minute after a shot from Rakitic on the right flank was deflected by Germany forward Lukas Podolski and bounced off the post right at Olic's feet.

"We played a phenomenal game," Croatia coach Slaven Bilic said. "We closed the lanes. We attacked them early. We shut them down where they are most dangerous."

Germany was reduced to 10 men

“He’s a lot sharper right now. ... He’s following up plays and trying to create.”

UNITED COACH TOM SOEHN

straight games and was critical against the Fire, setting up Jaime Moreno's opener and scoring the stoppage-time winner with a run that revealed his renewed confidence. Playing down a man following Bryan Namoff's late ejection, D.C. could have stayed conservative and held on for the draw. Instead, Emilio raced down the left, took on two defenders and slipped a shot just inside the post.

"He's a lot sharper right now. ... He's following up plays and trying

to create things himself, showing signs of what made him an MVP," Soehn said. "I don't think he came in as fit as last season, and it took him a little bit to get it together."

Getting used to new teammates, for everyone, also has been an issue. United's spine, from goalkeeper Zach Wells to playmaker Marcelo Gallardo, changed entirely from 2007. Soehn said expectations still were high at the start, but it now appears that those may have been unrealistic.

"We're looking for more consistency, and we've started to become a little more consistent in our performances," Soehn said. "But if we think we're there, we're not. We have do all the little things that made us better."

United now "has to rely on every result being so important" because of its slow start, and it will have the benefit of an extended home stand to make up some ground. Saturday night's game against New York is the first of six straight at RFK — three in MLS followed by three SuperLiga matches. BRIAN STRAUS

Euro '08 Standings

GROUP	COUNTRY	GP	PTS	+/-
A	Portugal	2	6	4
	Czech Republic	2	3	-1
	Turkey	2	3	-1
	Switzerland	2	0	-2
B	Croatia	2	6	2
	Germany	2	3	1
	Austria	2	1	-1
	Poland	2	1	-2
C	Netherlands	1	3	3
	France	1	1	0
	Romania	1	1	0
	Italy	1	0	-3
D	Spain	1	3	3
	Sweden	1	3	2
	Greece	1	0	-2
	Russia	1	0	-3

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

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- Sweden vs. Spain, noon, ESPN2
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Weekend Sports

Going Back to the Basics

Mystics try to limit turnovers heading into Friday's contest

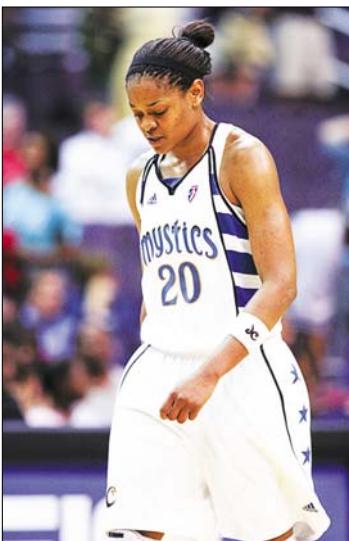
MYSTICS | Stuck in a five-game skid, the 2-7 Washington Mystics have lost games in a number of different ways this year. But coach Tree Rollins identifies one common problem: turnovers.

"I have no idea what we're going to do about it," Rollins said. "At practice, we're back to juvenile drills: ball-handling, passing. Hopefully, that will help with our decision-making. Nikki Blue is back [from an ankle injury], but

the only negative about that is that we have a new starting point guard every two games."

The Mystics have lost recently despite shooting well and out-rebounding their opponents. They have lost despite heroic offensive performances from Alana Beard, Monique Currie and Taj McWilliams-Franklin, the power forward who went 10 for 11 from the floor in Wednesday's 79-76 loss to the Sacramento Monarchs.

But as well as the Mystics have shot the ball — hitting 60 percent of their shots in a recent game — turnovers and their defense



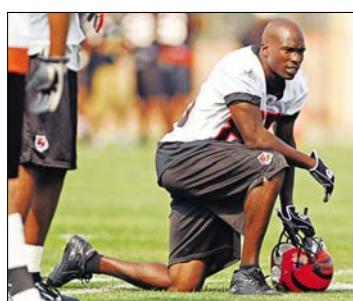
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have allowed their opponents to rack up similarly impressive numbers.

They travel to Chicago on Friday and will try to stop the Sky from capitalizing on careless turnovers and defensive lapses.

"We have enough offensive power," Rollins said. "As I was telling the team, as you start the year, the offense is always going to be ahead. This is the point of the season when your defense catches up. Our defense has to really catch up, now." **TIM FOLLOS**

Alana Beard walks off the court after the Mystics' 79-76 loss to the Monarchs.



Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson didn't do much at practice on Thursday.

WR Johnson Shows Up but Doesn't Do Much

NFL | Chad Johnson showed up for the start of the Cincinnati Bengals' mandatory minicamp on Thursday. Beyond that, nothing was clear.

The disgruntled receiver didn't participate in the morning workout, after telling the team he has an ailment — fittingly, there were conflicting descriptions of what was wrong.

After the team asserted that he had refused to practice, Johnson went out for the afternoon workout, caught a few passes during drills, then removed his helmet and covered his head with a white towel.

Can this get resolved without getting even more difficult?

"It depends on how it's approached by both sides — how he approaches it, how they approach it," said receiver T.J. Houshamzadeh. "If it will be a problem, if it won't be a problem, it's hard to tell." **(AP)**

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NBA | BY MATT SWENSON

I Would Bet NBA Refs Fix Games

JUST AS SPYGATE WAS THROWN back into the spotlight days before the Super Bowl, the referee gambling scandal that threatens the very integrity of the NBA has taken center stage in the middle of the finals.

Tim Donaghy, who admitted to betting on games he officiated, came out from the rock he's been under long enough to say he wasn't alone. Moreover, he says playoff results were altered by referees with a vested interest in the outcomes.

Commissioner David Stern, who only days ago was basking in the attention brought from the Celtics-Lakers series, has naturally scoffed at Donaghy's allegations.

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Columnist Matt Swenson and Sports Editor Ian Herbert will be online on Monday to talk about the ref scandal, the NBA Finals, the U.S. Open, Euro 2008 and more. Join them | **MONDAY, 11 A.M.**

What else can Stern do? Just the allusion to impropriety makes this a no-win situation for the NBA. Stern, like a good soldier, says the FBI completed its investigation and no other referee was associated with the scandal.

Yet I have a little voice saying the chances that only one referee was involved in a betting ring seems as likely as George Lucas making another good movie.

Donaghy has little reason to lie. He's admitted guilt, and there's no saving his reputation.

Anyone at the infamous 2002 Lakers-Kings Game 6 says the refs, either deliberately or not, handed Los Angeles the victory. Does it seem very unlikely that money was the motivating factor of bad calls?

I don't have any proof, but I doubt I'm alone in surmising games have been fixed. In fact, I'd bet on it — just as I'd wager this scandal isn't going away soon.

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Injuries, Not Runs, Pile Up

Nats' offense struggles with the middle of the lineup all on the DL

NATIONALS | It's not true that the Washington Nationals' new promotion is to give a free bat, a glove and a spot in the starting lineup to the 20,000th fan through the gate each night.

It just seems like it.

The Nats' roster has been in constant flux most of the season with injuries and ineffectiveness leaving the team with a disappointing record and a spot on the National League East's bottom rung. Nowhere has it been more apparent than in the team's offensive performance, the one area where an improvement was expected.

But you only have to scan the training room to understand.

"I'm not here to make excuses, but when you lose your third, fourth, fifth and sixth hitters in the lineup, it doesn't matter what team you are; you're going to scuffle a little bit," manager Manny Acta said.

Granted, the early season outputs of Ryan Zimmerman (.257), Nick Johnson (.220), Austin Kearns (.187) and Paul Lo Duca (.200) didn't have the team on pace for a pennant run. But the four were supposed to be the veteran influences that would keep an otherwise



LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

Third baseman Ryan Zimmerman may need surgery to repair his injured left shoulder, which will keep him out of the lineup at least another four to six weeks.

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young team from straying.

Instead, the club has asked a collection of unproven youngsters and retread vets to carry the load.

Some have not panned out. Left fielder Wily Mo Pena is batting .201 and lately has found a regular spot on the bench.

On the other hand, catcher

QUITE DISABLING

Seven of the Nationals' best players are stuck on the DL:

- Ryan Zimmerman, 3B—shoulder
- Nick Johnson, 1B—wrist
- Austin Kearns, RF—elbow
- Paul Lo Duca, C—hand
- Johnny Estrada, C—elbow
- Chad Cordero, RHP—shoulder
- Ryan Wagner, RHP—shoulder
- Plus, a handful of other stars have spent time on the DL this year: RHP Shawn Hill, OF Wily Mo Pena, OF Elijah Dukes, 1B Dmitri Young, INF Ronnie Belliard.



LENNY IGNELZI/AP

Pitcher Odalis Perez has not started since June 3, when he hurt his shoulder.

Odalis Perez Will Miss Scheduled Start in Seattle

NATIONALS | The Nationals will skip Odalis Perez's turn in the rotation for the second straight time on Saturday and will summon a pitcher to start in his place.

Manager Manny Acta confirmed that Perez, who left his most recent start June 3 after the third inning due to tendinitis in his shoulder, is still hurting. The team hadn't put Perez on the disabled list in the hopes he could pitch Saturday.

"He's not going to be able to, and the plan is we're expecting to recall somebody to take his spot," Acta said.

Twice already this week, the Nationals recalled a pitcher for a spot start. Garrett Mock made his major league debut Sunday, losing to the San Francisco Giants. Rookie Tyler Clippard was the starter in a loss to the Giants on Monday. Each was sent to the minors immediately after his outing. (AP)

College Series To Stay in Omaha

COLLEGE BASEBALL | The NCAA will keep the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., through 2035 under an unprecedented 25-year contract extension.

The baseball championship has been in Omaha each year since 1950. The new agreement will take effect in 2011 when the CWS moves from Rosenblatt Stadium to a 24,000-seat downtown ballpark. NCAAPresident Myles Brand said the city's commitment to a new stadium was a factor in the long extension.

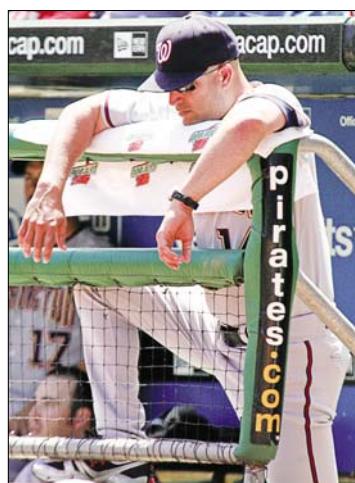
The 2008 series begins Saturday with Georgia, Florida State, Rice, Stanford, North Carolina, LSU, Fresno State and Miami. (AP)

Nationals Continue to Skid

Lannan gets little help as his team loses its 9th in the last 11 games

NATIONALS | Ian Snell is finally starting to pitch like an opening day starter for the Pittsburgh Pirates. It just took a game against the Washington Nationals' horrid lineup to do it.

Snell allowed one run while pitching into the seventh inning to earn his first win in 11 starts, helping the Pirates beat the Nationals 3-1 Wednesday night. A day after blowing his first save of the season, Matt Capps earned his 16th save by



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Manny Acta's Nationals are in the middle of a tailspin, having lost nine of the last 11.

getting Elijah Dukes to ground into a game-ending double play.

Washington has lost nine of its past 11 — scoring a total of nine runs in those losses.

"We hit a lot of balls hard right at people," Nationals manager Manny Acta said. "I felt good the way we swung the bat. Not always is that going show on the scoreboard."

No Washington player reached third base until the sixth, when Jesus Flores doubled and advanced Dmitri Young to third, and it wasn't until the next inning that Washington got on the board with Dukes' two-out RBI single.

The Pirates took a 1-0 lead in the first but could have had much more. Washington starter John Lannan allowed hits to the first three batters, capped by Jason Bay's RBI double. But with runners still at second and third and no outs, Lannan escaped without any more damage.

Lannan (4-7) was charged with two runs and seven hits with three strikeouts and no walks in six innings, and the Nationals are winless in his past four starts.

"You really can't control wins and losses. I just control what I can do," Lannan said. "Basically, ERA and keeping guys off base with walks and just keeping us in the ball game. We just got to keep on battling and not so much focus on our record." (AP)

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Odom Tries to Fill His Role

Lakers role player has been frustrated by the Celtics' 'D' in Finals

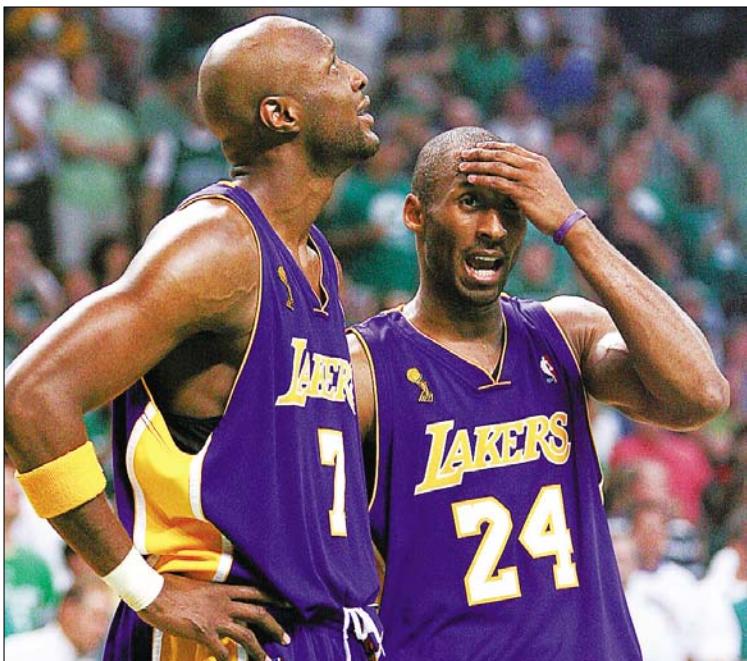
NBA FINALS | Lamar Odom was surrounded. Dozens of microphones and notepads closed in, cutting off every escape route for the Lakers' forward. There was nowhere to go, so he stood firm and answered questions about his troubles in the NBA finals.

The media was tough.

The Celtics have been tougher.

Odom has been a major disappointment so far for Los Angeles, which was trying to even the best-of-seven series against Boston in Game 4 on Thursday night in a game that ended after Express' deadline.

He's averaging just 9.3 points and has spent much of the past two games sitting a few seats down from Lakers coach Phil Jackson after



Lamar Odom, left, is averaging just 9.3 points per game through the first three games of the NBA Finals. He has picked up five personal fouls in each of those games.

Late Game

→ Game 4 of the NBA Finals in Los Angeles ended after Express' deadline. But you can still get results and analysis from Michael Wilbon. | **Today, Sports**

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picking up five personal fouls in all three games. It hasn't gone the way Odom would like, but he's trying to stay positive.

"You have to persevere," he said. "Right now, it's about the L.A. Lakers, not Lamar Odom. If I could just stay on the court to help the team do whatever, whether it's rebounding or making plays. You can't expect for every game to be a 20-point game in the finals."

Wednesday was an off day as both teams assessed Game 3.

For two franchises that have com-

bined for 30 titles won, Tuesday was indeed a night to forget.

But playing in front of their celebrity-laden crowd in Staples Center, where they're 9-0 in the postseason and perfect over the past two months, the Lakers, despite getting little from Odom or center Pau Gasol, looked better.

Kobe Bryant soared as usual. The Lakers' superstar always seems to get his points, showing why he's the league's MVP. Bryant went 12-of-20 from the floor in Game 3, dropping jumpers and drawing double teams to set up his teammates.

However, only one of them — Sasha Vujacic — matched Bryant's production. The 24-year-old came off the bench and scored a career-high 20 points. Los Angeles' other four starters combined for 22 points.

Bryant has faith Odom and Gasol will bounce back.

"They'll be fine," he said. "They're both very smart, intelligent basketball players and they'll be fine."

TOM WITHERS (AP)

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YOU WOULDN'T LIKE HIM WHEN HE'S ANGRY: Edward Norton beefs up nicely with the help of CGI in "The Incredible Hulk."

Heartless Hulk

'Incredible' gets lost in page-to-screen translation — again

FILM | The fanboys will probably be happy with the latest incarnation of "The Incredible Hulk." And that's something we most assuredly could not say about Ang Lee's somber, introspective and largely derided 2003 take on the beloved Marvel

comics hero.

There's a lot more action this time around — a deafening, endless amount by the colossal conclusion — as well as fond references both to the comic book series and to the television show it inspired.

This version is indeed bigger-stronger-faster, which seems appropriate in telling the story of a guy who's been juicing. The effects look way more ... is "realis-

tic" the right word to describe a raging green giant, rampaging down 125th Street in Harlem, flipping cop cars into the air like toys?

But the inevitable comparisons to "Iron Man" serve as a glaring reminder of what this "Hulk" lacks: wit and heart. Despite the presence of Edward Norton, an actor capable of going just as deep as Robert Downey Jr., we don't feel a strong sense of Bruce Banner's inner con-

flict. Instead, he's just a good guy trying to keep the wrong guys from getting their hands on some bad stuff — a cog in the midst of a spectacle.

A lightning-quick title sequence wisely zips through Bruce's back story: As we know by now, Doc Bruce Banner, belted by gamma rays, turns into the Hulk. We don't require further explanation. On the run but still seeking a cure to his radiation poisoning, Bruce lays low in Brazil. One day, longtime enemy Gen. "Thunderbolt" Ross (William Hurt) tracks him down with a team of soldiers, including the slightly crazed Emil Blonsky (Tim Roth). The subsequent chase is probably the film's most compelling sequence, and it didn't even require all that complicated computer-generated imagery.

Ross wants what's inside Bruce's body to replicate it and create a team of super-soldiers — and Blonsky is all too happy to volunteer as Test Subject No. 1. From there, it's a series of increasingly bombastic showdowns and explosions leading up to the climactic battle between the Hulk and the roided-up beast Blonsky has become.

Tim Blake Nelson breaks up the third-act monotony with a hilariously weird performance as the cellular biologist who tries to help Bruce. But it's the guy who walks through the door at the very end who'll really get the audience excited with the prospect of more superhero sound and fury to come.



CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

So Much Worse Than Allergies

'Happening' makes killer pollen scary, then really boring

FILM | For a movie called "The Happening," not much happens.

M. Night Shyamalan effectively delivers the usual broody air of foreboding that has been his trademark.

And this fearmongering story of an airborne toxin that causes victims to snuff themselves in nasty ways

induces plenty of seat squirming.

The shock value wears off quickly, though, and writer-director Shyamalan strands us — along with Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel — in a boring cautionary tale with an infantile eco-message about needing to live in harmony with nature — or else.

In "The Happening," crowds in Central Park become mysteriously disoriented one morning, then start killing themselves savagely. As the day wears on, observers realize that



Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel flee fatal plants in "The Happening."

the world's plants are the source of some deadly toxin. Philly science teacher Elliot Moore (Wahlberg) and his wife, Alma (Deschanel), flee the city by train.

Shyamalan states that the idea for "The Happening" came to him when he was hit by the thought, "What if nature one day turned on us?"

Fine, nice start. But all Shyamalan ever came up with is a start, an intriguing impetus that ultimately goes nowhere and says nothing. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



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I was visiting Paris this past winter, and I fell in love with it. Is there anywhere in D.C. where I can relive some of the French culture?

I've met more French people in D.C. hanging out at the bar at Bistro du Coin than anywhere else — and read more copies of "L'Equipe," too. There are a lot of Americans during the dinner rush, but if you go later you'll be able to practice your French.

→ *Bistro du Coin*, 1738 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-234-6969. (Dupont Circle)



AMY DICKERSON
Last Train Home offers up some down-home goodness at Iota this weekend.

I'm a Midwestern girl living in the big city. My friends have promised to go with me if I can find a good country western bar in the area.

Any suggestions?

I'd steer y'all to Nick's in Alexandria for line dancing and live country music Thursday through Saturday. There's no cover for women on Thursdays. And since we're talking country try former D.C. alt-country band, Last Train Home, which is visiting Iota Friday through Sunday. One of the finest shows of the weekend, regardless of genre.

→ *Nick's Nightclub*, 642 S. Pickett St., Alexandria; 703-751-8900.

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Weekend | Entertainment

Cylon Countdown

Fans of 'Battlestar' wonder: Will tonight's episode reveal all?

SUSPENSE | Who the frak is the final cylon?

For a small, cult-like dedicated group of devotees of "Battlestar Galactica," the question is the modern-day equivalent of "Who shot J.R.?"

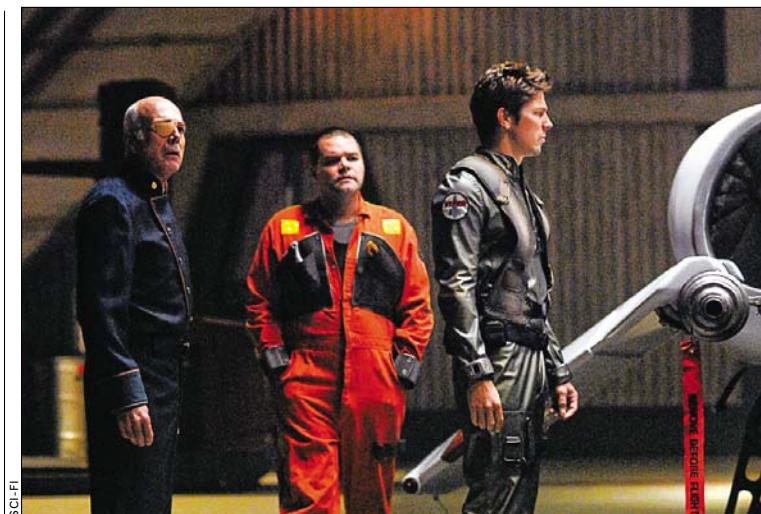
And for "Battlestar" to avoid shooting a blank, the last of the mysterious final five cylons is going to have to be a major character.

Is it Roslin? What about either Bill or Lee Adama? Surely, it must be Baltar, right? Starbuck's already been to Earth, so why not her?

To recap for those who don't stay at home Friday nights to watch the Sci-Fi Channel — or don't TiVo the best show on television — the humans and cylons were in a race to reach Earth first. But they have tentatively, and ineffectively, begun working together to find the lost "13th colony" during this fourth and final season.

In last year's season finale, Saul Tigh, Samuel T. Anders, Galen "Chief" Tyrol and Tory Foster all heard Bob Dylan in their head — which must make them cylons.

As the show heads into what is probably its final episode of 2008



IN DISGUISE: These studly looking specimens have already been revealed as cylons.

(tonight at 10) — the final season is being split into two 10-episode segments — it looks like the four are ready to come out of the closet. Whether the fifth will join seems (sadly) unlikely.

Plenty of theories are out there. Some fans have noted that the four newest cylons each have a "T" as an initial. That could mean Starbuck, aka Kara Thrace, is the one we've been waiting for.

Baltar, who betrayed humans in the nuclear attack that kicked off the series, is a popular choice. But wouldn't revealing him to be a cylon effectively kill his story arc as the human turncoat?

The Adamas are interesting, yet either one would take serious explanation — wouldn't Lee be half-cylon if Bill in the final one? And how could Lee be a "skin job" if his dad wasn't?

The most dramatic move would be to make Roslin a cylon. The president of the colonies has made it her mission to fight against their enemies since the start. And now that she's admitted love to Bill Adama, could she love her cylon self?

So many questions and so few episodes left. The suspense is building. What the frak does "Battlestar" have up its sleeve?

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

Tony Pays A Visit to 'Heights'

FLAVOR | There are telltale moments when Lin-Manuel Miranda, the star and creator of "In the Heights," knows who's in the audience to see his new musical about Hispanics in Upper Manhattan: Whenever he watches cast members unfurl the Mexican flag, ecstatic cheers ring out.

Has Broadway finally found the younger, more ethnically



Lin-Manuel Miranda stars in the show.

focuses on a Washington Heights neighborhood facing change and gentrification. Fueled by pulsing Latin and hip-hop rhythms, it's a feel-good hymn to family, roots and ethnic pride.

In a season when blockbuster musicals such as "The Little Mermaid" were dismissed by critics, the remarkable success of "In the Heights" (13 Tony nominations) suggests the quest for new audiences is gaining momentum.

"I had to come see it," said Maria Gonsalves, a young woman who has lived most of her life in Washington Heights and was waiting in line at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. "When someone puts on a show about your world, with people like you, you'll go see it." JOSH GETLIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

The big news about the "Official" Pride party for men tonight at **TOWN** is the guest host: "Project Runway" winner Christian Siriano. Siriano will be walking around the club with a squad of fashion police, giving out "hot mess fashion citations." Dress up, guys — you've been warned. Of course, the evening's about much more than a celebrity appearance. The seven-hour party features a drag show hosted by Lena Lett and starring an all-star squad that includes Blair Michaels, Destiny B. Childs and Shiqueeta Lee. Admission to the 18-and-over party is \$10 before 11 and \$15 after.

While the boys party at Town,

the ladies will be around the corner at the **9:30 CLUB** for a concert and dance party. Folkie singer-songwriter Melissa Ferrick and local pop-rock band Odd Girl Out are among the bands on at 8 p.m., while the First Ladies DJ Collective spins dance music from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Admission is \$25 for the concert and dance party, or \$15 for the DJs only.

SATURDAY

Every Saturday night, dozens of well-dressed folks cluster outside Josephine, trying to barter admission from the bouncers. On Saturdays, the easiest ways to get into the popular lounge are to buy a table for bottle service (with minimums starting at \$500) or to know a promoter, owner or manager. Other than that, you're going to be pleading your case with a large man wearing an earpiece. Unless, that is, you're on the K Street After Dark Nightlife Tour. Hosted by Things to Do D.C., this is a whistle-stop tour of popular upscale lounges, includ-



SOMETHING FOR THE GIRLS: Melissa Ferrick rocks Pride Weekend at the 9:30 Club.

ing Tattoo, Josephine, Lotus and a "surprise location" that we're betting is either Lima, the Park or Kstreet. Things to Do is charging a flat \$20 for admission to all four destinations — a steal, given that covers to the three named clubs could easily top \$60, and organizers are also promising no lines at any of them. A reminder from Things to Do: "All of these clubs have strict dress codes.

Dress to impress. No hats, T's, tank tops, torn or baggy jeans, jerseys, athletic wear, boots or sneakers."

Meet at **TATTOO** at 9 p.m.

For the established community of modern jazz and soul fusion in this town, Monday Michiru's arrival in D.C. at **LIV** tonight is long overdue. Although the bulk of her labors have been in Japan, she factored greatly into the listening habits of anyone

who dug the acid jazz scene of the early '90s. If you were rocking some Incognito or Count Basic, you're probably also into Michiru.

After the men and women separated for Pride parties on Friday, everyone's getting together for the Unity Party at **FUR** tonight. Make sure to grab an energy drink or six: The party keeps going until 8 a.m. with DJs spinning house, hip-hop and classics.

SUNDAY

A dream back-to-back old-school indie pop show starts with a rare Tullycraft show at the **RED & THE BLACK** tonight. Tullycraft is twee and proud of it. The band plays unapologetically wimpy but catchy ditties that revel in their total lack of menace. From Bubblegum to Sky, a rare appearance by Sprites and a not-so-rare appearance by Sad Crocodile round out the bill.

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BABY MAMA (PG-13, 96 minutes) Tina Fey is an overachieving corporate vice president who hires a working-class party girl (Amy Poehler) to be a surrogate mother: Angie, a hard-edged, slightly ditzy dame who has decided to rent out her womb at the advice of her loser of a common-law husband, Carl (Dax Shepard). Fey and Poehler could easily have become caricatures. Instead, each actress gives her character her dignity, grounding her as a recognizable human being. For those who crave mannerisms and shtick and like their jokes set up and knocked out with plenty of arrows and quote marks, the film may fall flat. But audiences alive to the modest charms of its take on female friendship will be rewarded with at least a few quiet chuckles. (AH)

BIGGER, STRONGER, FASTER (PG-13, 105 minutes) Chris Bell uses his own family almost as a kind of lab specimen for his examination of what, if anything, steroids have done to America as the country has come to fetishize the size and speed of its heroes. He chronicles the dreams, then dashed hopes, of his two bulked-up brothers (pro wrestlers) and interviews them and their wives about using the stuff that makes the muscles grow like the Incredible Blob. Then there are the interviews with jocks on both sides of the issue: the pure Carl Lewis, the impure Ben Johnson and otherwise self-inter-



IT'S LIKE BEING ATTACKED BY DENNIS KUCINICH: Po (Jack Black) wishes Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman) would pick on someone his own size in "Kung Fu Panda."

ested participants and even the grieving father of a Texas boy who committed suicide, supposedly in a post-steroids depression. He treats jocks like humans, not stars or superheroes, and in the end has managed something unique for documentaries these days: It's as entertaining as it is fair. (SH)

THE CHILDREN OF HUANG SHI (R, 114 minutes) Fact, in the movies, is a lot like a license. It allows a director such as Roger Spottiswoode, whose film is based on the real-life adventures of George Hogg, to forgo a lot of rudimentary construction of character to get to

the nut of the story: Hogg's arrival as a reporter in 1937 Nanjing, his narrow escape from the invasionary Japanese and his eventual journey to the edges of the Gobi desert, where he set up a school after dragging 60 Chinese orphans over a treacherous mountain range. Jonathan Rhys Meyers, who plays Hogg, has never quite found the right role for his arresting good looks and what seems to be a simmering crockpot of pathos waiting to be loosed from his soul. This isn't it. Really, though, the best thing about the film is the cinematography by Zhao Xiaoding, which is so distracting because it so out-

classes the rest of the movie. (JA)

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE

CASPION (PG, 137 minutes) Those plucky Pevensie children make an impressive if somewhat repetitive return in this second installment. Wicked King Miraz (Sergio Castellitto) has driven the Narnians of old underground and set out to murder Narnia's rightful ruler, the young and handsome Prince Caspian (Ben Barnes). Once again, the four young crusaders do battle with the forces of evil, and once again they prove that a ragtag team can overcome swords and catapults through the sheer force of goodness. The

Pevensies still make for terrific protagonists, and Aslan, the majestic mythical lion voiced by Liam Neeson, is still a breathtaking manifestation of the Cat Upstairs. (AH)

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R, 110 minutes) We can either laugh or weep at man's infinite capacity to do stupid things. Which is why guffawing at the naked guy flexing his breasts in this film is not only time enjoyably spent, but philosophically cathartic. The male of the species — amusingly hapless Peter (Jason Segel) — retreats to Hawaii, trying to get over a traumatic breakup, only to find himself

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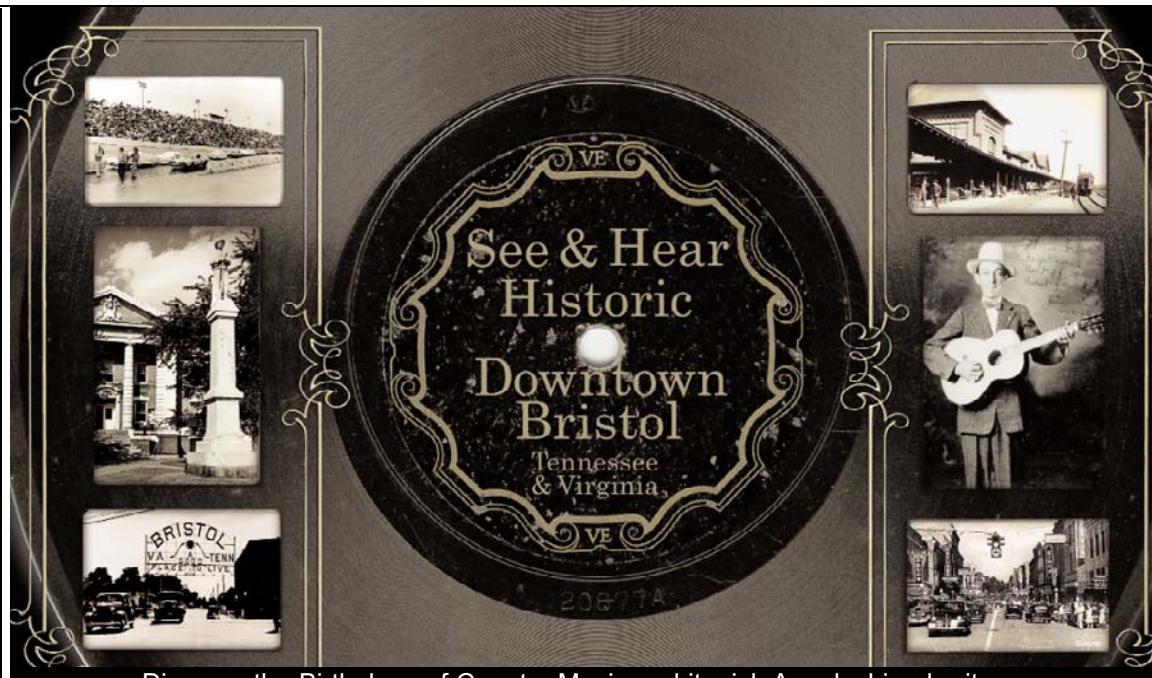
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in the same hotel as his recent ex, TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). The movie follows producer Judd Apatow's doctrine perfectly, which is to use semi-improvisational scenes to find the hilarious interface between man's vulnerability and dorkability. (DT)

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13, 126 minutes) The boy is back in town. Indiana Jones, the macho, whip-flinging archaeologist with the granite fists? Well, yes, him. Or Harrison Ford, 65, still rangy, still cool in a '30s fedora? Yes, that one, too. The movie follows Jones (Ford) on a series of contests between good Yanks and bad Russkies, first for an alien corpse in America, then for a crystal skull in Peru and finally for the site of the crystal skull, a magic city in Central America. The joinery between each segment is mostly chewing gum, baling wire and spit. Almost on the template of "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Crystal Skull" ends with an invocation of awesome power in one of those grandiose special-effects sequences for which George Lucas's Industrial Light & Magic shop is so well-known. Does it pay off? Maybe not quite, but the movie sends you out as it should, exhausted and happy, and you won't begin to think about its flaws for hours. (SH)

IRON MAN (PG-13, 120 minutes) Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is taken prisoner by a warlord who orders him to build a state-of-the-art weapon. Instead, Stark builds a suit of iron, the better to bust out of the cave and give his enemies a beat-down. The real Iron Man doesn't emerge until Stark is back in California. He announces that his company is getting out of the weapons business. Thenceforth, the film sets about the business of proving that plowshares can be as sexy as swords. It succeeds only fitfully. Amid so many generic fireballs, kill shots and earsplitting thumps, bumps and crunches, the film finally collapses under its own weight. (AH)

KUNG FU PANDA (PG, 90 minutes) At a brisk and appropriate 88 minutes, this computer-animated DreamWorks film is infectious and inspiring. Jack Black is panda Po, the vocal embodiment of the lazy dreamer. Dustin Hoffman is terrific as martial arts master Shifu, who is alternately wise, worldly, irritated and mournful over the traitorous defection to the dark side of his once prize pupil Tai Lung (Ian McShane). To deflect Tai Lung's inevitable attempt to seize the legendary Dragon Scroll, Shifu has

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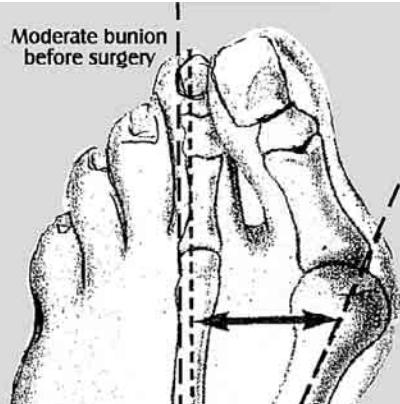
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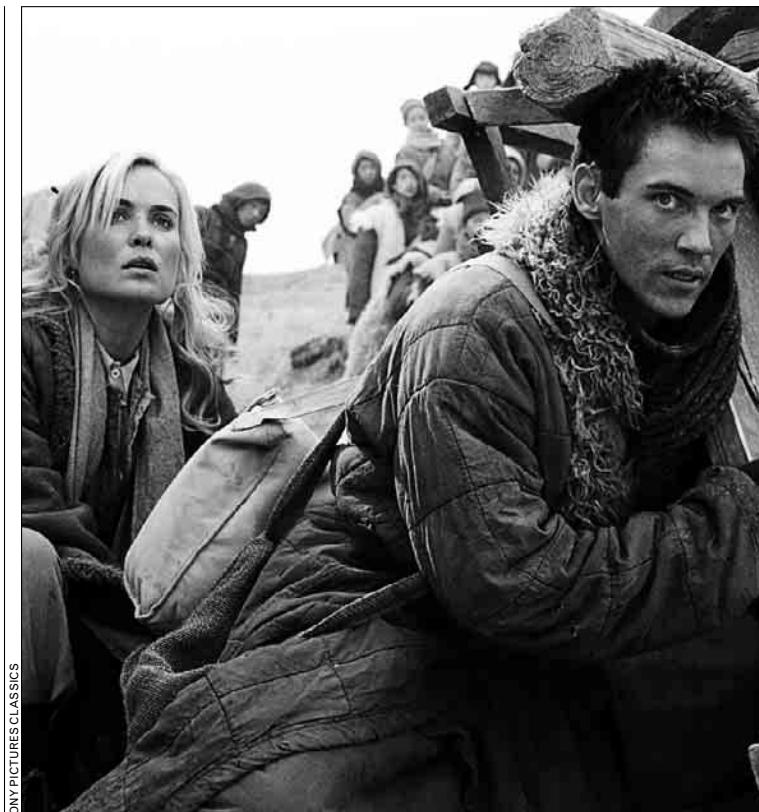
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assembled the Furious Five: Tigress (Angelina Jolie), Crane (David Cross), Monkey (Jackie Chan), Mantis (Seth Rogen) and Viper (Lucy Liu). There's not much for the supporting players to do; it is the "Po Show," the triumph of the adorable over the malevolent. As such, it is not a documentary. It is, however, a really good time. (JA)

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13, 101 minutes)

Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan have it all, in terms of looks, likability and even how they blend together. But they're hapless prisoners in a nasty little caper that follows convention as conventionally as possible. Tom (Dempsey) is a lady-killer, and Hannah (Monaghan) is the one woman he never quite seduces. Who becomes his best friend. And the one, he realizes, he has been in love with all along. Cue the impossibly wonderful Colin (Kevin McKidd), whom Hannah decides to marry. So she asks Tom to be her male maid of honor. You'll never—ever!—guess how this turns out. (DT)

NIM'S ISLAND (PG, 95 minutes) The plucky heroine at the center of this film is an 11-year-old girl named Nim (Abigail Breslin), who, since her mother died at sea, has lived with her scientist father, Jack (Gerard Butler). When



RESCUERS: Radha Mitchell and Jonathan Rhys Meyers in "Children of Huang Shi."

Jack goes plankton hunting and leaves
Nim behind, mayhem breaks loose. As

luck would have it, her favorite author,
the world explorer Alex Rover, e-mails
her dad for research information, resulting
in the world-famous writer making
a trip to Fiji to come to Nim's aid. Jodie

Foster comes in, and she gamely hits
her mark. Kids will no doubt vicariously
enjoy Nim's adventures and Edenic
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REPRISE (R, 105 minutes) In his feature film debut, Joachim Trier has created a movie that posits its protagonists on a Swiss Army knife's worth of thematic edges: art and madness, youth and experience, love and obsession, obscurity and fame. That he does it with such a deft sense of equilibrium makes this one of the more intriguing entries this year. Erik (Espen Klouman-Hofer) and Phillip (Anders Danielsen Lie) are childhood friends teeming with literary ambition who at the outset of the movie send off their respective manuscripts for publication. Only Phillip's is accepted. The film says many cogent things about success and what it does to people; it also indicts the mechanics of the culture in a way that is neither Danish nor American but globalized and all the more poignant for it. (JA)

SEX AND THE CITY (R, 136 minutes) With its unapologetic materialism, raunchiness and heroines who managed to be sympathetic even in the midst of almost pathological self-absorption, "Sex and the City" became one of the most successful guilty pleasures in the history of Sunday night TV. The movie version succeeds just as well, cramming what used to take a whole season into a



YOU DON'T MESS WITH GROSS-OUT COMEDY: Adam Sandler perches atop a car in "You Don't Mess With the Zohan."

nearly two-and-a-half hour marathon of men, misery and Manolos. Clearly made for the show's devoted fans, newcomers to the story might be puzzled at the movie's worship of Louis Vuitton purses and the silly women who carry them. But one of the movie's great pleasures is how the filmmakers embrace their characters' advancing ages while celebrating over-40 fabulosity. Like the show, the movie invites inevitable questions: Does it simply perpetuate retrograde, materialistic myths about having it all, or is it an example of feminism in four-inch heels? Altogether now: We can't help but wonder. (AH)

SON OF RAMBOW (PG-13, 96 minutes) This film dusts the clichés from the coming-of-age movie with its charming account of the growing friendship between two English boys in the early 1980s. The teens are Will (Bill Milner), a soft-spoken but plucky lad forbidden by his family's religious sect to watch television, and Lee (Will Poulter), a punky kid whose volatile family life causes him to act up at school. Thrown together by circumstance, they soon realize that their teamwork fills an emotional void in their lives. They infuse this story with a crowd-pleasing combination of buoyant spirit and occasionally dark humor, as Will, Lee and a very eccentric French exchange student (Jules Sitruk) attempt to revisit Sylvester Stallone's 1-D machismo.

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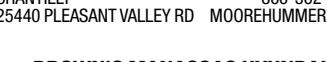
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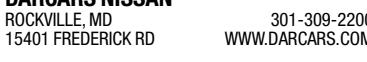
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mo territory with the goofy earnestness of youth. We cringe and laugh at—and are ultimately moved by—their clumsiness and innocence. (DT)

THE STRANGERS (R, 90 minutes) Three strangers in campy Halloween masks stalk and torment an unfortunate couple, played by Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman, in a well-appointed summer home. When, in the middle of the night, someone knocks on the door, domestic problems are forgotten and surviv-



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al becomes an issue, though both are completely incompetent. Writer-director Bryan Bertino leaves no stone unturned in his quest for cliche and his unbelievable depictions of behavior. For the latter, try this: A fellow passing by the house has his windshield blown out by a shotgun. Does he step on the gas? No, he gets out of the car and walks into the house showing clear signs of violent disturbance. A tragedy soon follows, but not as big as the one that compelled me to sit through the whole thing. (SH)

THEN SHE FOUND ME (R, 100 minutes) April Epner (Helen Hunt) is a 39-year-old teacher whose biological clock is clouding her judgment: April is marrying Ben.

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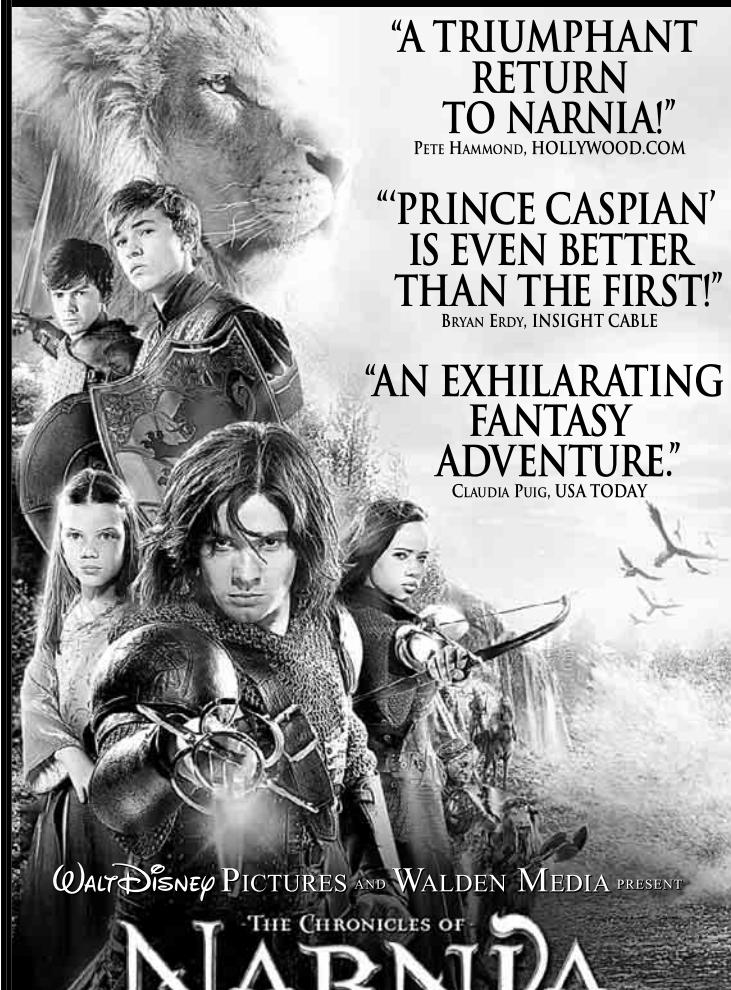
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or the audience. But anyone going to see it won't need quite the number of clues as to how they're supposed to be feeling. They'll know. And a lot better, and a lot sooner, than April Epner. (JA)

25 (PG-13, 123 minutes) Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), MIT professor by day, gambling entrepreneur by night, who recruits six of his best and brightest students to fly to Sin City on weekends and cheat themselves rich. It's hard to throw them a high-five. Yes, Ben Campbell (Sturgess) is a sweet, lower-middle-class kid who has dreamed all his life of going from MIT to Harvard med and accepts Micky's invitation into the circle only to put himself through school. Unfortunately, this char-

acterization feels too saintly, too schematic. The story may be based on real events, but most of it feels patently false. It's a would-be parable about greed that emptily celebrates it, a drama about gifted people who are one-dimensional voids and, most laughable of all, a story about the giddiness of risk-taking that safely plays everything by the numbers. (DT)

THE VISITOR (PG-13, 103 minutes) Richard Jenkins plays widowed economics professor Walter Vale, who reluctantly agrees to give a paper at NYU and, upon arriving at his Manhattan pied-a-terre, discovers that it has been illegally sublet to Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and Zainab (Danai Gurira), both of whom are undoc-

umented. After first throwing the couple out, Vale impulsively takes pity on them. What ensues is a remarkable friendship and, when Tarek's mother arrives, a budding romance. The film gives viewers a perceptive, deeply personal take on the timeless immigrant narrative, in which the most epic journey is finally one of self-discovery. (AH)

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13, 99 minutes) Not that this film is any kind of great movie, but it's an exceedingly bright comedy that never makes you feel stupid for enjoying its brisk pacing, smart lines, sound construction and superb comic acting. Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz have gone to Vegas

for some healing. They meet one drunken evening and get married. Okay, time for quickie divorce, except she gives him a quarter, he feeds it into a slot machine and they win \$3 million. Who gets it? Each tries to get the whole pot, and an irritable judge (Dennis Miller) isn't satisfied they've tried hard enough, so he sentences them to live together for six months. The real pleasure in the film comes from the two stars, both of whom put vanity and narcissism far behind and are pleased to let the movie deploy them as less than noble, less than capable, less than smart, less than selfless and less than beautiful and, therefore, more than human. (SH)

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YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (PG-13, 106 minutes) Adam Sandler plays the Zohan, a fabled Israeli special-operations hero who decides he has had enough of fighting and decides to immigrate to America and become a hairdresser at the famous Paul Mitchell salon. There's some humor in the way Sandler and his pet director, Dennis Dugan, envision the Zohan as a gymnast rather than a commando. He, of course, can find work only in a shop owned by a Palestinian woman (Emmanuelle Chriqui, the best thing by far in the picture). The movie is gross but not unfunny as it covers the Zohan's rise through hair culture, aided by his steamy heterosexuality, until the old ladies are lined up all the way to the Bronx for a few minutes of bliss in the Zohan's chair. But in the end, the movie feels as if it exists only to display the



IT'S FUNNIER WITH CHAMPAGNE: Charlotte, Samantha and Miranda react to Carrie's fashion choices in "Sex and the City."

Sandler's biceps. (sh)

YOUNG@HEART (PG, 110 minutes) This film is a festival of good behavior, a little talent, a lot of work and a kind of commitment to the ideas that shows must go on, that individuals must sacrifice for the whole and that doing good is better, though harder, than talking good. It follows a choir of generally peppy septuagenarians from Northhampton, Mass., through six weeks of practice, trial, tribulation and performance. The gimmick that has propelled the group to a small measure of fame is that they're rockers, rappers and punks. Singing in the chorus gives meaning to life; living for the whole and not the self, the love of comrades of the same circumstance and situation, that's what keeps them alive. (sh)

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2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20

REPRISE (R)
2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35

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ON TV THIS WEEKEND

CLASSIC ROMANCE

Keira Knightley stars in the 2005 adaptation of **PRIDE & PREJUDICE** (9 p.m., Fri., Oxygen).

OFF WITH HER HEAD

Tina Majorino ("Napoleon Dynamite") has the title role in the 1999 adaptation of **ALICE IN WONDERLAND** (9 p.m., Fri., Ion), with an all-star cast including Whoopi Goldberg, Ben Kingsley, Miranda Richardson, Martin Short, Peter Ustinov and Gene Wilder.

ELEPHANT ART

William Shatner ("Star Trek," "Boston Legal") will narrate a 17-part series about extraordinary animals, beginning with **PACHYDERM PICASSO** (9:30 p.m., Fri., Animal Planet) a profile of Hong, a 6-year-old Asian elephant who uses her trunk to create images on canvas with a paintbrush. Future Friday-night installments will showcase an orangutan with an extensive vocabulary and a sea lion that demonstrates an ability to grasp logic, once

considered a uniquely human trait.

OCTOPUS BABY!

Scheduled on **20/20** (10 p.m., Fri., ABC): Indian parents of a baby born with eight limbs want a normal upbringing for their child, despite the fact that some worship her as divine; two fathers meet while searching for their missing daughters.

GET IT WHILE YOU CAN

The rebel Cylons stage a hostage crisis to force the "Final Five" out of hiding on **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA** (10 p.m., Fri., Sci Fi).



ONE PILL MAKES YOU LARGER: Tina Majorino in "Alice in Wonderland."

WE BLAME SPENCER

Whoopi Goldberg, Spencer Pratt and Nick Griffin appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., Fri., CBS).

PIXAR HORROR

The voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal animate the 2001 animated comedy **MONSTERS, INC.** (8 p.m., Sat., ABC).

TEARJERKER

Gena Rowlands, James Garner, Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams star in the 2004 weepy flick **THE NOTEBOOK** (9 p.m., Sat., CBS).

RUN AWAY!

Marian's father escapes on **ROBIN HOOD** (9 p.m., Sat., BBC America).

AUNTIE EM! AUNTIE EM!

Twisters roil the city that never sleeps in the 2008 shocker **NYC: TORNADO TERROR** (9 p.m., Sat., Sci Fi).

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

Amy Adams all but steals the bitter-sweet 2005 comedy **JUNEBUG** (10 p.m., Sat., Lifetime Movie Network), and she was nominated for a best supporting actress Oscar as a result.

ULTIMATE REGATTA

The "Independent Lens" (8 p.m., Sun., PBS) presentation **DEEP WATER** recalls a 'round-the-world sailing competition that brought out the best and worst in its participants.

POLLY DARTON

Lurlene Lumpkin returns on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Sun., Fox).

BROADWAY MELODY

Whoopi Goldberg hosts the **62ND ANNUAL TONY AWARDS** (8 p.m., Sun., CBS), a salute to the best on Broadway that will include performances from new, recently departed and revived favorites from "Rent" to "Into the Heights" to "Sunday in the Park With George."

MATH WILL SET YOU FREE

A mathematician offers some practical advice on **FOOLPROOF EQUATIONS FOR A PERFECT LIFE** (9 p.m., Sun., Science).

SPACE RACE

WHEN WE LEFT EARTH: THE NASA MISSIONS (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sun., Discovery) recalls the triumph of Apollo and the anticlimax that was Skylab..



BAREFOOT AND PREGNANT: A pre-stardom Amy Adams in "Junebug."

HOME FRONT

Joan faces a difficult call on **ARMY WIVES** (10 p.m., Sun., Lifetime).

DENTAL HYGIENE

Dentists toil on **BRITAIN'S WORST TEETH** (10 p.m., Sun., BBC America).

HELP! I'M STUCK!

Adult Swim (12:15 a.m., Mon., Cartoon Network) presents **FAT GUY STUCK IN THE INTERNET**. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008

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Major wiener brands are competing to win space on your grill

America's two largest hot dog makers are waging a wiener war as grills fire up this summer, hoping to win over customers and secure the No. 1 spot atop the stagnating frank market.

The latest round in the long-running feud comes as Kraft Foods Inc.'s Oscar Mayer brand gives its signature hot dog a makeover aimed at stealing momentum from Sara Lee Corp.'s Ball Park Franks.

Kraft hopes its reformation — its first in 20 years for the all-beef hot dog — and a massive promotional campaign will attract new customers and their palates with a zestier, meatier recipe.

About 956 million packages of hot dogs were sold by U.S. retailers in the past year.

"[Consumers are] continuing to look for higher flavors, beefier, juicier hot dogs, and we saw that as an opportunity to grow that portion of our business," said Sean Marks, senior director of marketing for Oscar Mayer.

Both suburban Chicago food manufacturers claim the designation as the nation's top hot dog brand, based on separate readings of market research and sales data. Experts say the frank fight may become more difficult as the economy sours and hot dog consumption — at least among adults — hits its lowest level since the



mid-1980s.

"You can say, at best, long-term, it's flat," said Harry Balzer, a vice president with research firm NPD Group. "[But] it's still a valuable market."

So valuable, in fact, that about 956 million packages of hot dogs were sold by U.S. retailers in the past year, according to data from the Nielsen Co. That's on top of the estimated 30 million hot dogs — often regional brands — that Major League Baseball fans down each season at the nation's ballparks.

And with grocery sales of about \$2 billion last year, hot dogs are far from being discounted. According to NPD data, 48 percent of American children ages 18 and under will eat at least one hot dog in the next two weeks.

That alone is enough for companies to take notice — particularly Kraft and Sara Lee, which are both in the midst of turnaround plans aimed at reviving stalled sales.

Kraft, the world's second-largest food company, is also spending the summer promoting its line of snack-size hot dogs that launched in April by sending its new "Mini Weiner-mobile" on a nationwide market-

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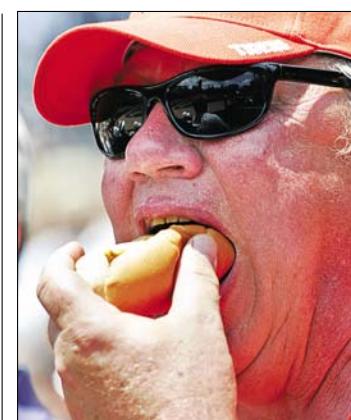


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WAR OVER WIENERS: Ball Park hot dogs, left, and Oscar Mayer wieners, right, will continue their long-running competition for customers this summer. Experts say selling hot dogs may become more difficult as the economy sours and wiener consumption falls. Both companies hope to woo consumers with new products and promotions.



month while running the Web site WVHotDogs.com.

"In our culture, it's definitely a staple," said Means, who prefers his franks topped with chili, cole slaw, mustard and onions.

"I often say that it's an obligatory item for a menu in West Virginia," Means said. "If you have a restaurant, you have to have a hot dog, even if it's not a hot dog-type restaurant."

But if he's cooking for friends, Means admits that even the finest-grade frank doesn't hold a candle to whatever's on sale at the grocery store — Oscar Mayer, Ball Park or otherwise.

"We'll probably look at price point more than taste," he said. "If I'm buying wieners just to make hot dogs for a picnic, I'm buying the cheap ones."

That's a sentiment analysts say could be hard for Kraft and Sara Lee to overcome.

"I think [in] that area of the store, nine times out of 10, it usually comes down to price," said Morningstar analyst Greggory Warren. "And with customers strapped right now, that does have an impact."

ASHLEY M. HEHER (AP)

Dog Fights

ing tour alongside the full-scale model.

Meanwhile, Sara Lee is touting its angus beef franks, turkey franks and whole-grain buns that it announced in May.

With products like that, it's not just kids the companies hope

to woo.

"Both of us are evolving with consumers," said Chuck Hemmingway, brand director for Ball Park.

Stanton Means, a 48-year-old hot dog aficionado-turned-blogger from Charleston, W.Va., figures he downs nearly a dozen dogs every

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site specifics

ENTERTAINMENT

Let It Blurt

It was a surprise when the beloved Silver Spring-based indie-rock magazine Harp went belly-up in March after a seven-year run. But creator Scott Crawford didn't stay down for long, and Christopher Porter spoke to the editor and designer about his new music and culture venture, Blurt-online.com. | COMING UP



MUSEUM

The Spoils of War

Glenn Dixon says that those who need the imprimatur of high culture to justify their lust for bladed battle should duck into the Folger Shakespeare Library for "Now Thrive the Armorer: Arms and Armor in Shakespeare," featuring items from the Higgins Armory Museum. | COMING UP

MUSIC

She's (Not) So Heavy

Thalia Zedek is perplexed by people who call her music "heavy." She does have a commanding voice and wields a blues ax, but she told Johnathan Rickman she's going for "poignancy." Zedek plays the Velvet Lounge on Sunday. | COMING UP



comment board

“The federal government should do everything it can to urge people to take public transportation—not just in D.C., but everywhere.”

COMMENTER WASBUF..NOW WAS, WHO ADDED, “GAS SHOULD BE TREATED AS A LUXURY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS AN OBLIGATION.”



“I have never understood why this transit system has to fight for every bit of money it gets.

Maybe it would be more efficient if it had dedicated federal funding so it wouldn't keep falling apart.”

COMMENTER VEGGIETART, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “SHOULD FEDERAL FUNDING BE USED FOR METRO'S MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT?”

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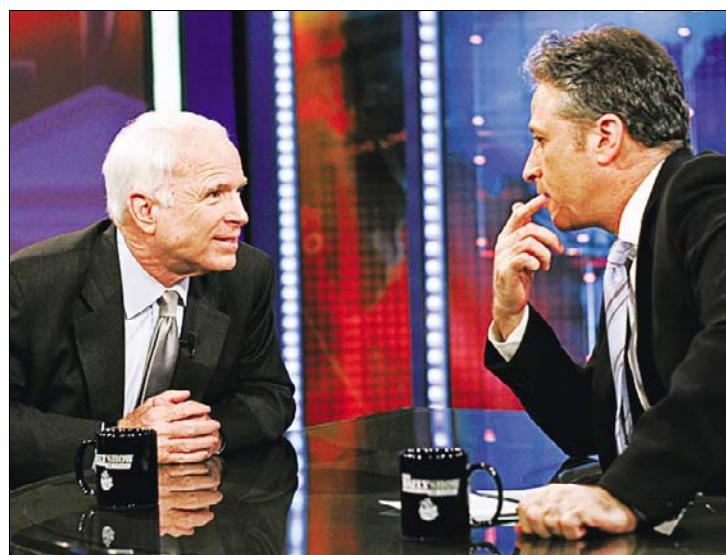
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“It is also important to remember that it is illogical to pay \$1,400 for [essentially] 100 small pieces of paper.”

BRIDALBIRD.WORDPRESS.COM DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SOME BRIDES GET SO HUNG UP ON WEDDING INVITATIONS, WHICH TEND TO BE RIDICULOUSLY OVERPRICED, ADDING “THAT [DOESN'T] ACCOUNT [FOR] AT LEAST \$300 FOR ENVELOPE CALLIGRAPHY AND \$100 FOR POSTAGE.”



EVERY YEAR, GRADUATION

season happens, and family and friends of graduates lose their minds. But is being arrested justified? When family and friends disrupt graduation ceremonies, should they be arrested or escorted out of the ceremony?”

NATIVESON.WORDPRESS.COM ISN'T SURE WHETHER A FAMILY IN SOUTH CAROLINA DESERVED TO BE ARRESTED FOR CHEERING TOO LOUD AT A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

PART OF ME has always been curious about how the common man lives, so I thought I'd give this mass transit thing a try. Guess what! It actually cost me more to take Metro to work for one day than it does to drive my car.”

TCTHETERRIBLE.COM, WHO REFERS TO HIMSELF AS “A RICH WHITE GUY,” WILL CONTINUE TO PAY \$4 PER GALLON FOR GAS.

IT'S SORT OF FUNNY that women do most of the cooking in the world, [but] when it comes to doing it for [money], men are at the top of that game. And by funny, I mean it sucks.”

JEZEBEL.COM TAKES NO SATISFACTION IN THE FACT THAT A WOMAN WON “TOP CHEF.”

“See, McCain isn't completely out of touch ... he knows what Google is! And he wants Dwight Schrute to be his running mate!”

LINDSAYFINCHER.COM STILL CONSIDERS MCCAIN LAME AFTER HE JOKED THAT HE'D FIND A VP USING GOOGLE AND SAID ON “THE DAILY SHOW” THAT HE WOULD RUN WITH THE CHARACTER FROM “THE OFFICE.”



Discussions

Technology Chat

Washington Post technology columnist **ROB PEGORARO** was online Thursday to discuss his recent blog posts, columns and other tech-related queries.

Now that the iPhone price has dropped, don't you think the price of the iPod Touch will also drop? It doesn't make a lot of sense to pay \$199 for an 8GB iPhone and \$100 more to buy an 8GB iPod touch, does it?

No, not one bit. I assume the iPod touch's price will see a compara-

ble decrease, unless Apple has some master plan that involves flushing this particular model's appeal right down the toilet. I would hold off on buying an iPod Touch until at least July 11, when the iPhone 3G ships.

If we have a 500GB external drive the size of a paperback book and iPods that fit in a shirt pocket, why are TV cable boxes still so large and unwieldy, and is there any prospect of that changing soon?

Cable boxes are big, ugly and dumb because the entire cable-box market is broken. The customer — the individual cable subscriber — is not the buyer. Cable systems buy these boxes, but they don't pay the

costs of bad design or inefficient operation.

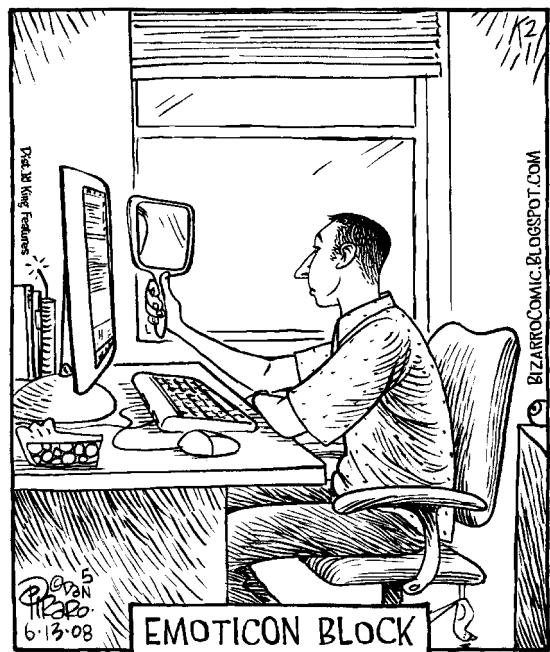
I have a lot of books on tape and would like to transfer them to my iPod. Is it feasible?

It's feasible but majorly time-consuming — you'd need to plug a tape player into your computer's line-in jack, then use a program like Audacity to record the audio as a sound file, then convert it to MP3 format. You have to do this in real-time. I hope you're not looking to digitize a copy of “Ulysses.”

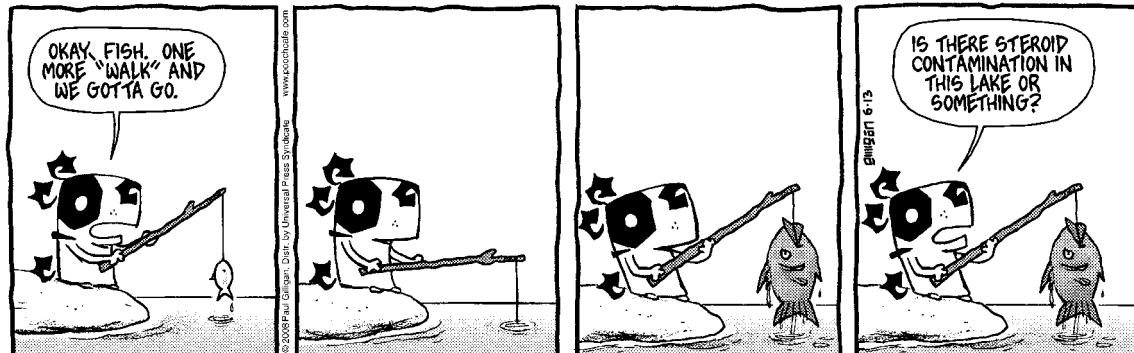
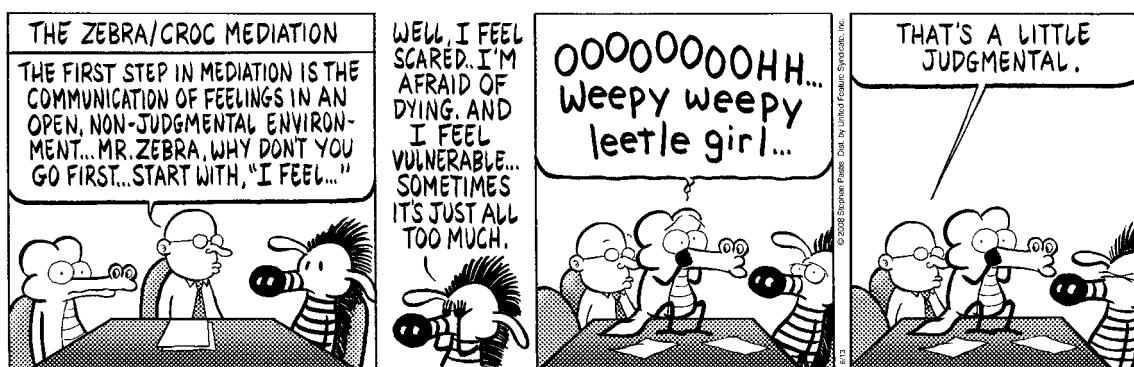
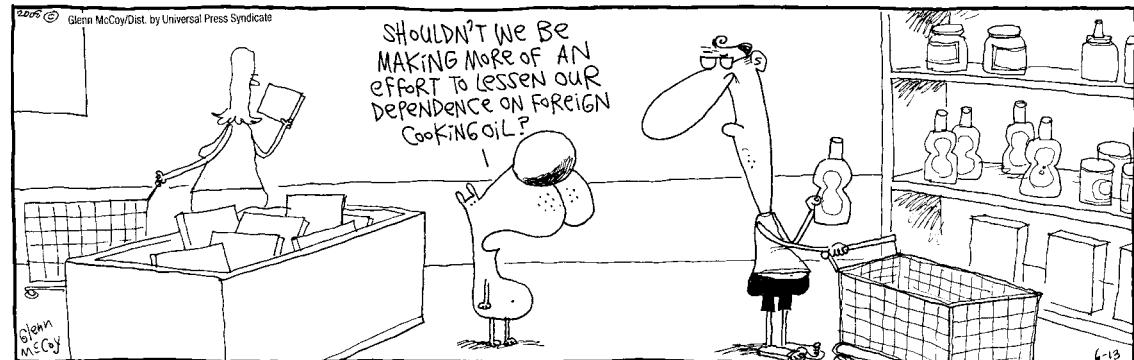
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Columnist Thomas Boswell takes your questions live from Torrey Pines, site of this year's U.S. Open, at 3 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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Bob hated baby talk.

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is easy to overload your schedule at this time and strive for too much at once. However, a low-key approach is certainly favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Much that you had assumed to be out of your control at this time is actually well within your own field of influence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Deal with accusations or misjudgments with a fair and open mind. Honest talk can avoid any lasting conflicts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take the time to reach those certain family members with whom you haven't spoken in some time. There is some news you need to catch up on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can soar above your own mundane concerns merely by indulging in a flight of fancy at the right time. Explore what lies hidden within.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) All the care and

sensitivity you've been showing toward a certain person will be fully realized. You'll feel appreciated, surely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Treat yourself to something special — something you've been longing for over the past few days or weeks. Don't hold back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You don't want to do anything casually or skim over the surface of things. You're in the mood for some in-depth exploration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may find yourself regretting a missed opportunity from weeks, months or even years ago. A word to the wise: Get over it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your diligent, organized approach will surely pay off, and you may well find out precisely what you want to find out — sooner or later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Collaboration can result in the timely completion of a difficult—but essential—project. Feel free to show your gratitude openly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even a major disagreement can result in ultimate good for those involved, particularly if you are willing to make an extra effort.

Letters

Double Standard on Photo

JOHN CLAY WROTE in to say that "someone at Express is remarkably stupid [sic]" regarding the choice to publish on June 10 a picture of a lion licking a "bloodsicle" on the front page ("Gross Start to

the Morning," June 12). So, Clay is bothered by a blood-spattered lion but not by the full-color picture of the human blood spatter in Akihabara, Japan, after Sunday's knife assault there? It, too, was on the front page, "in full color, no less." Clay, your double standard is showing.

—MARY RATLIFF
Reston, Va.

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Today in History

323 B.C. Alexander the Great dies of a fever at age 33 in Babylon. He leaves no heir, and his empire dissolves.

1886 Bavaria's insane King Louis II drowns himself. His psychiatrist also drowns trying to save him.

1888 Elderly Prime Minister Charles Floquet of France inflicts a severe wound on populist leader Gen. George Boulanger in a duel in Paris.

1900 The dowager empress of China orders the

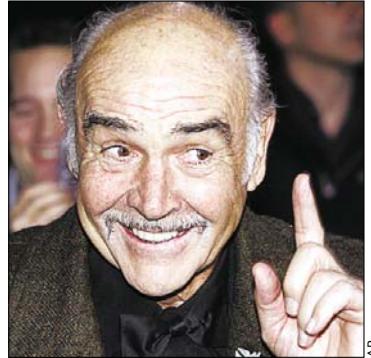
army to block foreign troops trying to save Europeans under attack in the Boxer Rebellion.

1971 The New York Times begins publishing the Pentagon Papers, a top secret study on the United States' involvement in Vietnam that strengthened domestic opposition to the protested war.

1993 Kim Campbell becomes Canada's first female prime minister.

1997 Timothy McVeigh is sentenced to death for bombing a U.S. government building in Oklahoma City in 1995, killing 168 people.

Look out People



Connery is the world's No. 1 Scot.

PROPAGANDA**'My Nationalistic Thoughts'**

SEAN CONNERY will offer the first public glimpse of his memoirs at this year's Edinburgh Book Festival. "Being a Scot" will launch Aug. 25, his 78th birthday. Connery lives in the Bahamas and has said he will not reside in Scotland until it gains independence. (AP)

NO NEWS HERE**R. Kelly Trial Is Still Going**

Jurors began deliberating in **R. KELLY**'s child pornography trial Thursday with the graphic sex tape at the center of the case fresh in their minds. Prosecutors replayed the video during closing arguments. Kelly denies that the man in the video is him. (AP)



GETTY IMAGES

EARS BLEEDING**No Time for T.M.I.**

ANGELINA JOLIE says being pregnant has its perks. "It's great for the sex life," she says. "It just makes you a lot more creative. So you have fun, and as a woman you're just so round and full." When asked how she and partner Brad Pitt plan to handle six kids, she says: "We really don't know. His mom and dad are on standby to come out and help. And, fortunately, we can hire help if we need it." (AP)

TRANSLATION**'My Contract Keeps Me In This Job'****KATHERINE HEIGL**

says she didn't seek an Emmy nomination because "Grey's Anatomy" failed to deliver the goods for an award-worthy performance. Heigl, who was honored as best supporting actress in a drama last year, declined to put her name in consideration for a bid, a spokeswoman for the actress said



When you act all diva, you hurt only yourself.

Wednesday. "I did not feel that I was given the material this season to warrant an

Emmy nomination and in an effort to maintain the integrity of the academy organization" decided against competing, Heigl said in a written statement provided by her publicist. (AP)

HOT**Bond Actor Smolderingly Injures His Ugly-Sexy Hand**

DANIEL CRAIG was sent to the hospital after suffering a minor hand injury while filming the latest James Bond movie, "Quantum of Solace," near London. "There was a minor incident on set," said a Columbia TriStar



Motion Picture Group spokesman. "Daniel injured his hand. He sought medical attention. He was back on the set within a matter of hours and production went on." (AP)

BLAME**Scapegoats Found!**

Police have charged a man and a woman in London with supplying drugs to **AMY WINEHOUSE**, stemming from a video that appeared to show the singer smoking crack cocaine. John Blagrove and Cara Burton have been charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine and MDMA. (AP)



Amy contemplates blaming others.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Mostly sunny



68°

An afternoon thunderstorm
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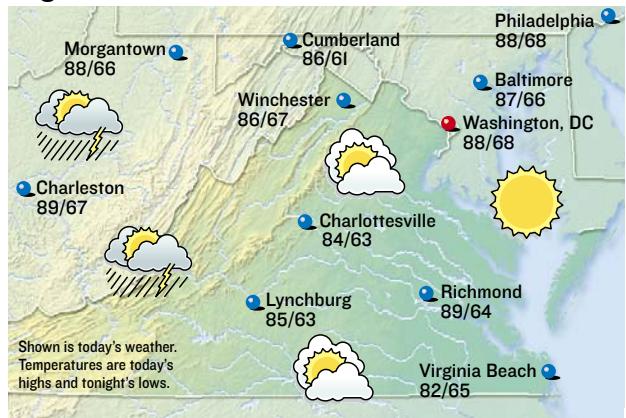
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Regional Weather

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	91°
Low	70°
Normal high	83°
Normal low	64°
Average humidity	46%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.76"
Normal month to date	1.29"
Year to date	26.68"
Last year to date	14.99"
Normal year to date	17.43"

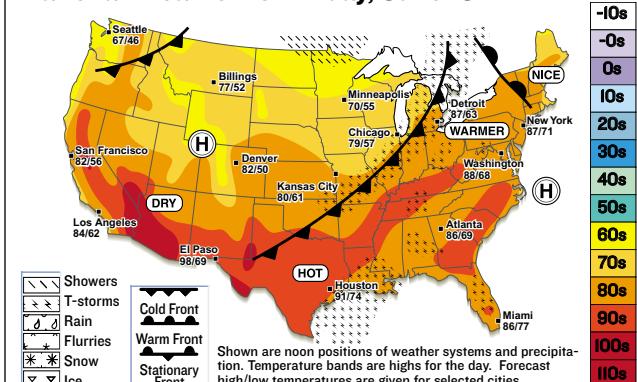
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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 88. Wind south 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 68. Wind south 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:34 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:15 p.m.
Moonset today	2:14 a.m.

**National Weather for Friday, June 13****National Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/68/pc	86/68/t	Amsterdam	62/48/sh	59/48/sh
Boston	79/63/s	83/63/pc	Athens	86/67/s	86/67/s
Chicago	79/57/t	81/60/pc	Berlin	66/45/sh	69/49/pc
Dallas	93/73/pc	93/75/pc	Buenos Aires	63/46/s	57/41/pc
Denver	82/50/s	89/53/s	Calgary	60/46/pc	56/42/sh
Honolulu	87/74/pc	87/74/s	Dublin	59/45/pc	61/46/pc
Los Angeles	84/62/pc	83/62/s	Geneva	65/50/pc	70/52/pc
Miami	86/77/t	87/77/t	Moscow	73/55/c	77/52/sh
New York City	87/71/s	89/67/pc	Rome	74/56/pc	72/54/pc
Orlando	89/72/t	91/71/t	Sydney	63/48/pc	66/52/pc
Seattle	67/46/pc	70/48/s	Tokyo	81/66/pc	78/62/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles

LOOKout

CROSSWORD | NOT SO OBVIOUS

ACROSS

1 Full of attitude
6 Prefix with "play"
or "scope"
10 Plymouth
landmark
14 Displaying
surprise
15 Abruptly fired
16 Press agent?
17 Not obvious
20 City near the Red
Sea
21 Sue Grafton's
"____ for Evidence"
22 Immature
23 Small pastry
25 Sleeveless
garment
26 Not obvious
30 Things that go
together, collectively
33 No longer sailing
34 Wishes otherwise
36 It may be tough
to crack
38 Thick-skinned
herbivore
39 Toast topper
40 Nautical pin
42 Capitol Hill VIP

43 Lee of Marvel

Comics
45 Face-mask
wearer
46 "Radio Free
Europe" group
48 Not obvious
50 Fencing tool?
52 Was inventive,
and then some
53 Certain battery
terminals
56 Lengthen (with
"to")
57 "Your Love Is
King" singer
61 Not obvious
64 "I Shot the
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Clapton
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down
66 Among the
clouds
67 Flat features?
68 Good source of
starch
69 Strike location

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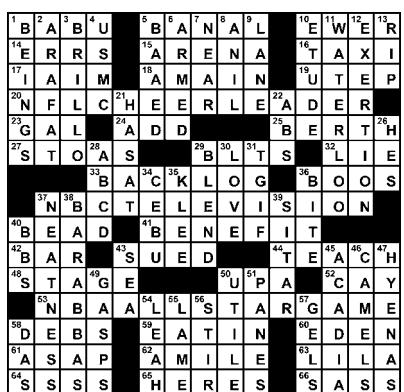
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temptation
4 Infantry officer's
half-pike
5 Archery wood
6 South Seas island
7 They left the union
8 "____ Miserables"
9 Put through school
10 Ransacks
11 Kind of exam or
history
12 Designer Chanel
13 Was certain of
18 Short and snappy
19 Urban music form
24 Spherical coifs
25 Fish bait
26 Bireme propellers
27 Theater guide
28 "To ____ own self
be true"
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plane name
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with Holland
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Cabin" author

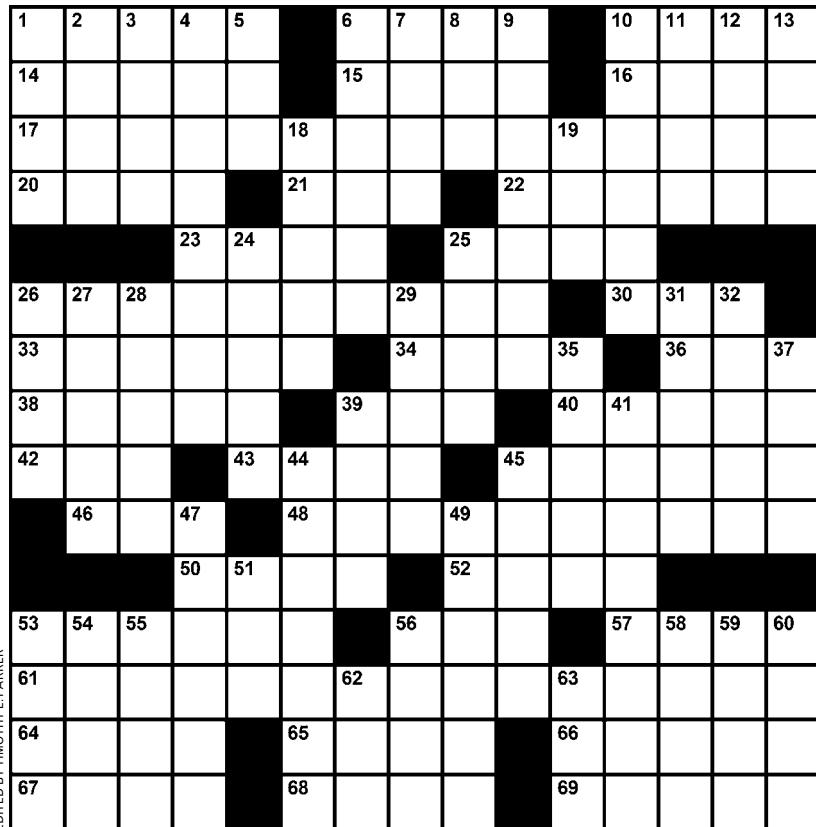
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41 Pushy pitch, e.g.
44 Day before Lent
45 Crossword
features
47 Field docs
49 Respected church
leaders
51 Big house
53 Favored brother

54 Fifth Roman
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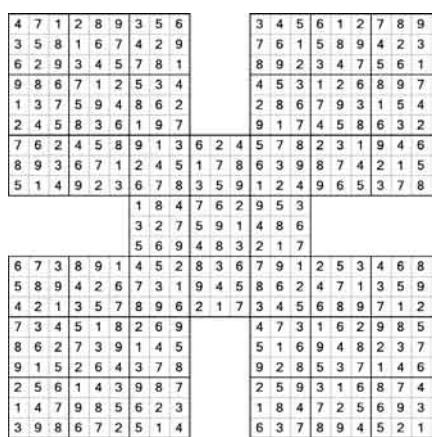
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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

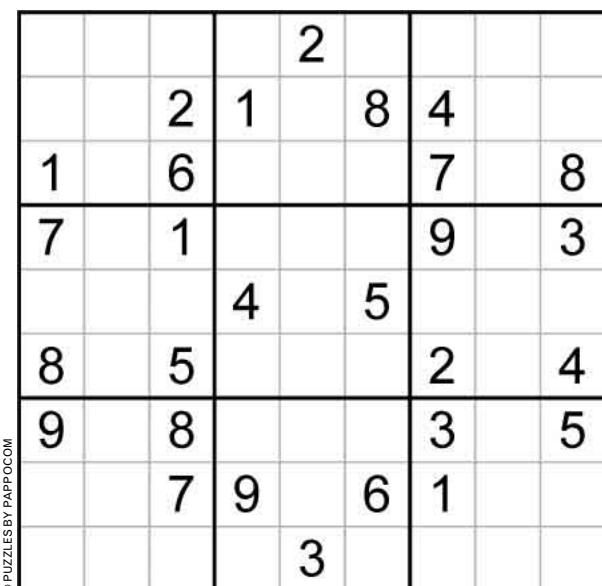
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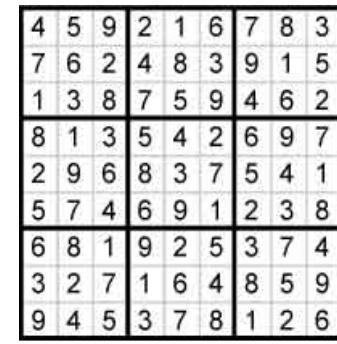


CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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Yesterday's Solution



Fill in the boxes so
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face time

With simple recipes as rich and creamy as her Georgia drawl, Paula Deen has built a down-home food empire. Her books and television show, "Paula's Home Cooking," have made millions of folks familiar with her Southern vittles and spicy humor. She'll be joined in the kitchen by other cooks, famous and not, on her new Food Network series "Paula's Best Dishes" (Sun. at 12:30 p.m.).

So, why invite other cooks to come into your kitchen?

Well, they do say that too many cooks can spoil the pot. But it's more fun to cook with other people, and if it's with someone you've cooked with before, it can be like dancing. By bringing other people in, they teach me, and I teach them. The conversation can get real lively!

If you could cook with anyone, alive or dead, who would you choose?

I never got to meet Julia Child — I would've loved the opportunity to have been in the kitchen one time with her. But I guess it'd really be my Grandmother Paul. She certainly struck the match that lit the fire in me about how much pleasure cooking can give you.

You add butter to almost everything. Why do you love it?

The flavor of butter can just take an ordinary dish to an extraordinary dish to me.

What isn't better with butter?

The other day, I had a bowl of cornflakes, and I put some squeeze butter on it — it really wasn't that good. [Pause.] I'm joking!

You're on a deserted island and can take only one food — is it butter?

My husband, Michael, asked me that! I said I'd take my potato — loaded with butter and sour cream. He said he'd take his boat.

Describe your cooking style.

I think simple flavors are the best.



FOOD NETWORK

Paula Deen

COOK, FOOD NETWORK STAR, BUTTER LOVER

I'm not into froufrou meals. I just can't get excited about them.

What's the biggest myth about Southern cooking?

People think Southern food is unhealthy, and I just happen to disagree. Up North, it's lots of steaks and pasta. Down South, we are big, big vegetable eaters. We have fresh corn, fresh butter beans and sweet

potatoes. Everyone knows vegetables are good for you, even if they may have ham hocks in them.

You're big on Southern hospitality, too. How do you make guests feel welcome?

By being kind to them, treating them like family. I try to make sure people feel good when they're in my presence.

'Vegetables are good for you, even if they may have ham hocks in them.'

You just put in an outdoor smokehouse. What is it like?

We live on Turner's Creek, which is a beautiful body of water here in Savannah. We wanted a place on it to be with friends and family. Grills are lined up all around, and we've got three good fans to keep us cool, a refrigerator and an ice maker. We can load up our coolers from there and jump on the boat.

Georgia summers get really hot. How do you throw outdoor parties when it's sweltering?

I don't have parties in the summer. For me, it's just not the time of year for parties. It's 97 degrees today! That is unbearable. So, if I have people over, we go inside.

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1 Crowning Story

WHY IS IT THAT the dreamiest vintage fabrics — tropical florals, Technicolor abstracts — seem to star on things you sit on, not things you wear? Lucy Notions turns bits of mid 20th-century fabric, Swarovski crystals and tulle into femme-yet-edgy headbands (\$110, Cocosshoppe.com). Like ultra-mod tiaras, the wide, comfy babies would spice up a little black sundress.



A Spot of Storage

IF A TEACUP and a key holder got hot and heavy, the resulting offspring would likely be Design Glut's Hookmaker (\$30 each, Velocityartanddesign.com). The ceramic tiles boast cuppa Earl Grey-shaped caddies with clever hooks on their handles. Tack a couple to the wall to hold jewelry, crafting supplies or, heck, even the completely obvious — a bunch of tea bags. And, no, you do not have to lift your pinky when using them.



2 Main Squeeze

SMALL CAULKING JOBS are wasteful — you have to buy a whole tube of the stuff and a caulk gun. And your purchase will eventually harden into a cylindrical brick useful only, perhaps, as a doorstop or weapon. GE Caulk Singles are, thus, brilliant: Rip off the top, do a wee bit of work, throw away.

Of course, for \$3, you can get a 6 ounce tube of regular caulk; these are \$2.50 for 1.25 ounces (Lowes.com). But they're so cute!



Stick Them to It

NO ONE EVER SAID organization has to be pretty. The Ergonizer — a modular set of accessories that clip to a base, which in turn attaches to a monitor — may be as awkward as a newborn calf, but it's a boon to those who can't seem to stop losing their Palm Pilots under giant heaps of "important papers." The three models (starting at \$49, Theergonizer.com) include the Deluxe, which has its own little whiteboard. Compulsive hoarders, take note!



5 Snack Stasher

STRAW PICNIC baskets with gingham lining went out when Dorothy ditched Oz. Sagafor's al fresco food/utensil totes (\$30-\$60, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544) bring chowing down at Merriweather or on the Mall to a new, hip level. Gray cotton is stitched into unisex styles from an arm-slung bag with cutlery, plates and vino supplies for two (pictured, \$50) to a carrier (\$30) with a pair of glasses, a corkscrew and room for a wine bottle, if you prefer a liquid lunch.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBUGGER

I'm a commuter who must run from the train to my office. So, I need a shoe with a high vamp that will stay on my foot, a cushiony sole, and a high enough heel so that my pant hems won't drag on the ground. Is there any other non-frumpy option than wearing sneakers and carrying heels in a tote bag?

— PAULINA

■ Manolo says, yes, it is called "taking the earlier train."



Actually, the Manolo has much sympathy for the poor peoples who must make the lengthy commutes. On the one of the hands you wish to live the American dream, with the 2.1 kids and the good schools and the spacious lawn and the industrial-strength Viking range in the newly remodeled kitchen.

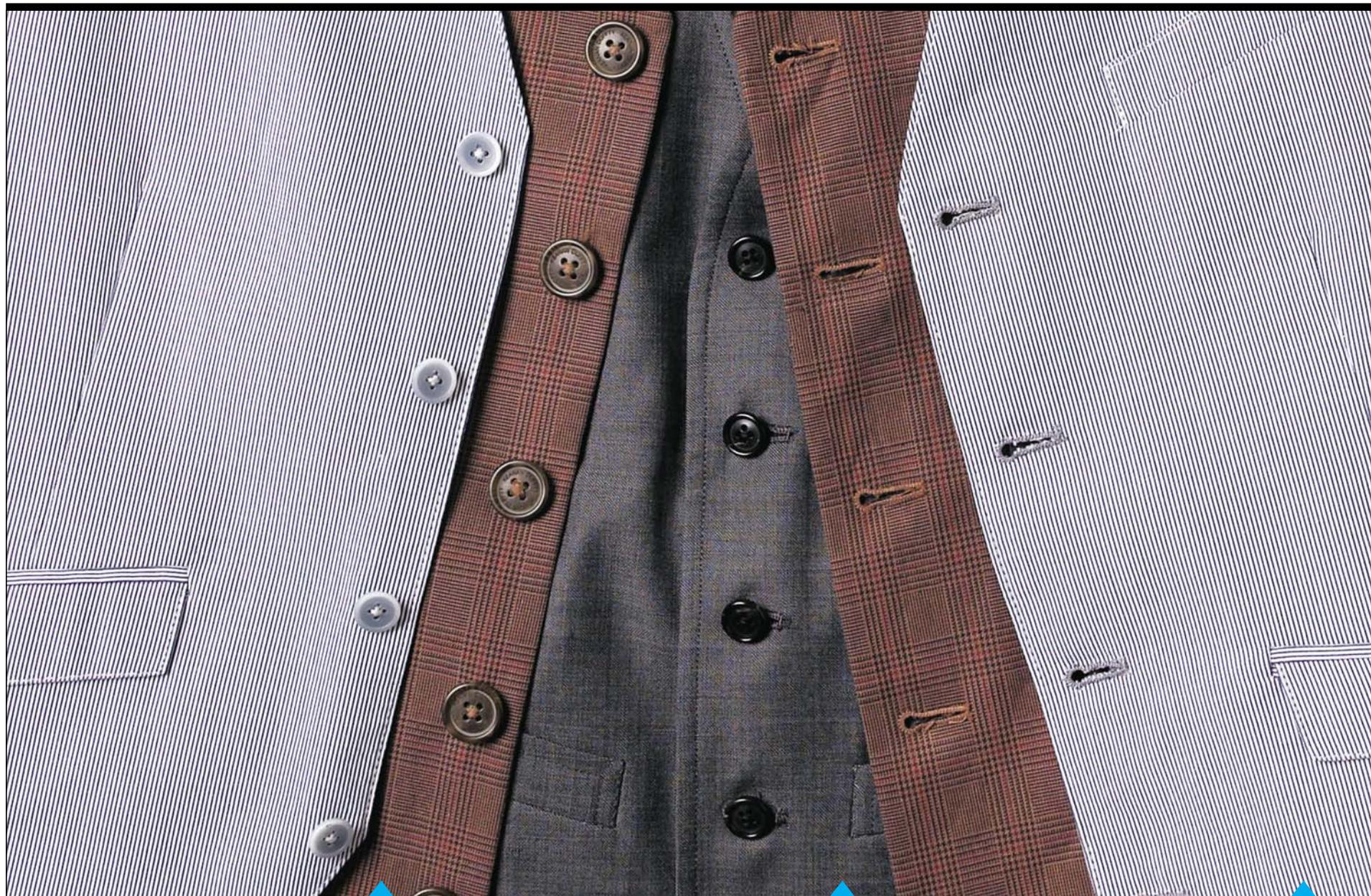
On the other of the hands, this requires money, lots of money, which, as we all know, does not grow on the 12-foot tulip poplars your landscaper has just planted in your backyard. And so, early each morning it is up, paint the face, and out the door for the daily combat of earning the living. Here is the Carma OT Air MaryJane from Cole Haan, the exceedingly comfortable shoe with the snappy styling (\$279, Zappos.com).

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

event horizon

Try Italian cheeses and meats at a tasting June 15 at 6 p.m., \$35. Cheesetique, 2411 Mt. Vernon Ave., 703-706-5300.

Styles | fashion



(1) Sherlock Holmes meets Clive Owen on a boxy plaid vest. Keep the look from being Prince Charles-stuffy by letting it hang loose over a tee. (\$25, Target)

(2) Savile Row gets hip on Band of Outsiders' zig-zagged wool waistcoat. Its partners in style? A crisp shirt and trousers. (\$415, Eluxury.com)

(3) A Yankee Doodle do, H&M's all-American seersucker number could go over a blue dress shirt (roll up the arms, please) to a daytime wedding. (\$40, H&M)

The Next Vest Thing

Wild West sheriffs, Victorian dandies and hippie dudes all knew the sartorial pleasures of the waistcoat. Now, the vest has parted ways with the suit, winging back into style on such sharp-dressed guys as David Beckham and Brad Pitt. Ideal for layering over a T-shirt or a button-down, these neutral-hued styles possess a Sinatra vibe. But skip the tie, unless you have a job at the tables in Vegas.

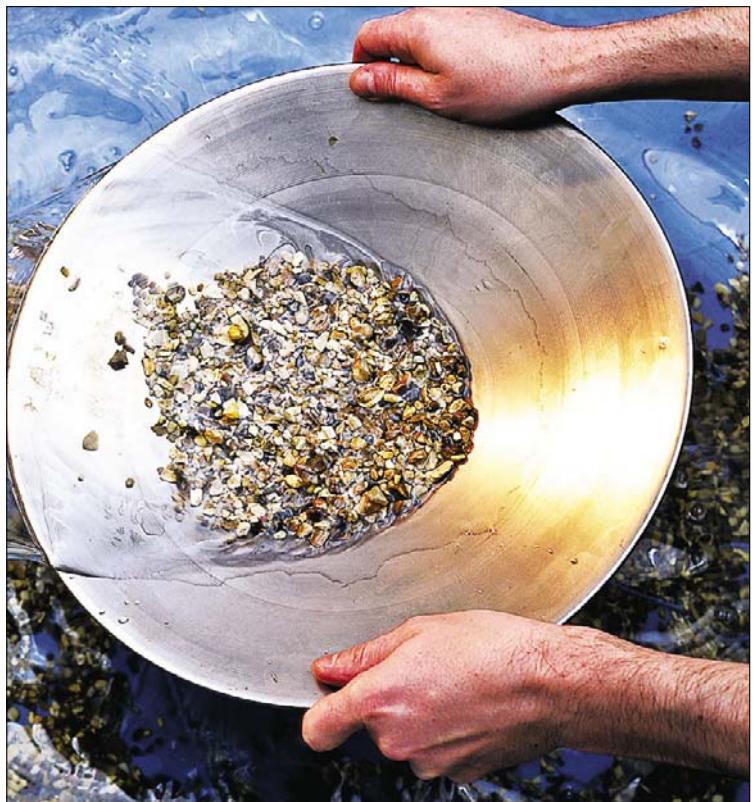
ASHLEY JOY PARKER



ON THE COVER

Robert wears an Express vest (\$88, Express.com) and Calvin Klein shirt (\$68, Macy's 1201 G St. NW; 202-347-3969). Model T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair, Richard Bernal/T.H.E. Artists Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

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GETTY IMAGES

Your Trail Blazer

In honor of a once-great cavalcade of land-lusting settlers, celebrate the June 15, 1846, signing of the Oregon Treaty with a scarily authentic settler shindig.

Bash in a Flash

First, you'll need moonshine (loosely), wagons, foodstuff of dubious tenderness, gold and prairie songs. Might we suggest the Marshall Tucker Band as the soundtrack?

For vittles, skip the general store — it's said that one can procure buffalo meat at Wegmans, just down the trail in Fairfax or Woodbridge. Combine with a campfire, but skip the s'mores — marshmallows weren't ironed out until the 1890s. Tarnation!

Guide your pioneer friends to the party by fashioning trailside landmarks of stone on major roadways near your home.

And never, ever let your trail mates run dry of whiskey: It's "Oregon or the Grave" for this herd. If the straight stuff goes down a little harsh, just add bacon. Over-packed settlers ended up halfway West with spare slabs of unused sliced pig, left to rot trailside by the ton. Don't repeat their mistake. Bacon 'n' bourbon, anyone?

One can procure buffalo meat at Wegmans, just down the trail.

"Oregon Trail," downloadable for PCs at Oregontrail.org. Shoot rabbits, ford rivers, die of dysentery. Or you could start a lively round of buffalo-chip Frisbee — this really happened — but be prepared for the gold-rush stampede to the exit.

CHRIS COMBS (EXPRESS)

Pan for gold in your bathtub. Or not.

If you start leavin' some partygoers behind, start breaking down old furniture to fashion prairie schooners. For wheels, cannibalize your bikes, or be authentic — sacrifice a spinning wheel or four. Your stronger friends can provide propulsion.

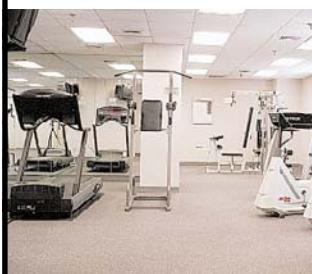
Other entertainment options? Computer game classic "The Oregon

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Styles | holiday

Three Wise Men

Stop. Put the tie down. Back away from the golf gear. Don't guess what the old man wants for Father's Day — go to the source. Three D.C.-area dads, in their 20s to 40s, agreed to scavenge malls for an hour to pick out what they're jonesing to receive and hoping not to. The catch: All picks needed to be less than \$50. But, really, can you put a price on paternal love? Well, when it comes to foam fingers and video games, yes. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)



Todd Eastman, 28

DAD TO: 20-month-old Summer
DAY JOB: Business development

manager at Logik Systems

LIVES IN: Burke, Va.

THE MALL: Pentagon City

LOVED: Eastman admired the no-frills, black leather Money Clip Wallet (\$20, Brookstone). "It's always something that can be replaced; you can't lose there." More practical buys included aviatorsunglasses (\$20, NYS Collection kiosk) and leather sandals he can pad around the house in (\$25, American Eagle). For the Virginia Tech alum, "anything Tech related is a plus" (\$15 T-shirts, Champs), and Redskins gear, say, a foam finger, is a great find (\$12, Out of Left Field): "I've had several and they all seem to get destroyed."

LOATHED: Even though he relies on his Treo, don't try to get him a case for it. "Like ties, they're really personal and hard to pick out for someone else." Also, be wary when it comes to daddy's derriere. He disparages a pair of magenta boxers with a four-leaf clover pattern. "Every pair is goofy-looking." Cargo jeans bummed him out, too. "They are the worst things on the planet. If someone bought these for me, I would cry."



Seth Weiner, 34

DAD TO: 4-year-old Ben and
2-year-old Bria

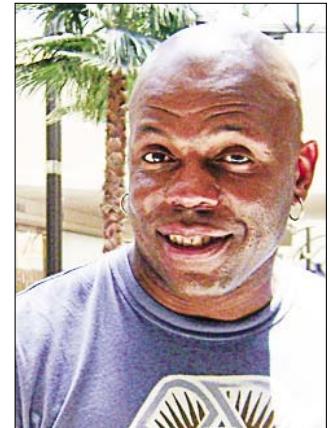
DAY JOB: President of Sonic
Promos

LIVES IN: Boyds, Md.

THE MALL: Westfield Montgomery

LOVED: Weiner's a bit of a grilling fanatic. His eyes light up when he sees "The Barbecue Bible" by Stephen Raichlen (\$20, Borders), and a stop at Sears leads to Cedar Grill Planks by Char-Broil (\$12): "It's great for getting a cedar taste in your food." And what dad wouldn't be complete without a Kenmore LED Grill Light (\$25, Sears)? The light attaches to a flexible arm, which allows proud papas to grill after sunset.

LOATHED: While he's a fan of Armani Black Code cologne, he doesn't recommend springing for cheaper brand extensions: "I didn't like the deodorant at all — I got a rash." A 5-in-1 universal remote got a thumbs down ("If I lose this, everything's gone. I've got kids, and the kids grab them."), as did crew socks. "I want a gift to be something that reminds me of when I got it. If I'm putting on my socks to go for a run, I'm not thinking, 'Oh! I got these socks for Father's Day!'"



Kris Price, 45

DAD TO: 8-year-old Zoe and
9-month-old Will

DAY JOB: Senior graphic designer
at Service Employees International
Union

LIVES IN: Alexandria

THE MALL: Tysons Corner

LOVED: Price smiled broadly when he saw the Incase Slider Case for iPhone (\$35, Apple Store). "It's black, sleek and custom-fit. Very nice." Mario Kart Wii (\$50, GameStop) was a must, as was the Wii Racing Wheel (\$10) he'll need to play it. Games aside, this pop doesn't mess around when it comes to his style. Ocean Salt Face and Body Scrub (\$34 for 8.8 ounces, Lush) is a great exfoliator: "There's a little grit to it, but it wasn't like sandpaper." At the Levi's store, he chose a short-sleeve plaid shirt with ivory snap buttons (\$48). "Shirts with snaps are going to be hot."

LOATHED: Price nixed film-theme video games like "The Hulk." "If you haven't seen the movie, you don't know the ins and outs. What if you're not a 'Hulk' fan?" Likewise, a T-shirt kiosk left him shaking his head at a Superman-style "Super Dad" shirt. "Once you hit 40, style doesn't go out the window."

B.I.O.

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Attilio Bonaccorso, Amy Welch

Attilio is 27 and Amy is 29. They will live in Laurel.

The Main Event: A formal Catholic Mass at sunset on June 28 in D.C. There will be a Sunday champagne brunch reception on a Potomac dinner-cruise ship the next day.

Honeymoon: The week after their wedding, Amy says they'll take "Americana road trips to places like Mount Vernon and Monticello." They will head to Vegas in August.

How They Met: Online.

First Impressions: "He was confi-

dent and easy to talk to." "She was beautiful and very smart."

First Date: They picked up some coffee at Union Station before strolling around the Capitol.

How He Proposed: Attilio re-created their first date by bringing Amy to the fountain in front of the Capitol. That first night, "I asked her why she wasn't married yet," says Attilio. When he got down on one knee, he said no one would ever have to ask her that question again.

Their Song: Aerosmith's "Amazing." "It speaks to us of the journey we took before we found each other and the one we are now on together," says Attilio.

Pet Names: Attilio is "Little Boy" and Amy is "Little Girl."

Celebrating Heritage: Amy's fam uses astrology to choose wedding dates. "Hence the sunset wedding. My parents wed at 10 p.m. to get the stars right!"

"She stood by me during a very stressful period in my life."



Amanda Babcock, Joel Sweda

Amanda, 36, is a policy writer. Joel, 40, is a math teacher. They live in Alexandria.

The Main Event: A semiformal outdoor garden ceremony at a bed and breakfast in Hart's Location, N.H., on June 28.

How They Met: eHarmony. "Amanda was in my inbox for 11 days before I contacted her," says Joel. "I hear about it to this day. Hey ... I didn't delete her."

First Impressions: "Joel's enthusiasm for teaching really impressed me." "She was beautiful, outgoing and very easy to talk to."

First Date: Dinner at Union Street Pub in Alexandria. "We almost always get seated in the exact same booth ever since our first date," says Amanda.

How He Proposed: After running errands, Amanda came home to find Joel sitting on the bed "with the ring,

Better Than Recess

When **PATRICK BYRNE** went to meet some girls with a buddy, he was his pal's wingman. "Too bad the wingman was really cute," recalls **FRASER ROTENBERG**. The feeling was mutual, though Pat admits he "was pretty intimidated by her at first." Hey, it was nothing a first date at a University of Maryland fraternity keg party couldn't fix. "Within a few months, I knew," says Fraser.

Five years later, Pat made it official. While Fraser was volunteering at the elementary school where Pat teaches, Pat had each of his students drop by, one at a time, with notes that were part of a larger message. After Fraser received the last one, she says, Pat "got down on one knee and said, 'You aren't going to make a roomful of 9-year-olds cry, are you?' All of the kids were holding up signs that together read, 'Marry Mr. Byrne.'" On June 28, she'll do just that in a semiformal garden ceremony followed by a reception in Chevy Chase.

Pat, 27, is an elementary school math teacher. Fraser, 26, works for an environmental nonprofit. They live in Rockville.

Carissa Baker, Matthew Holmes

Carissa, 25, works for a public health policy research firm. Matthew, 24, is a reporter. They live in Charlottesville.

The Main Event: A formal ceremony and reception in Mitchellville, Md., on June 28. After exchanging vows, the couple will exit the aisle to the Turtles' "Happy Together."

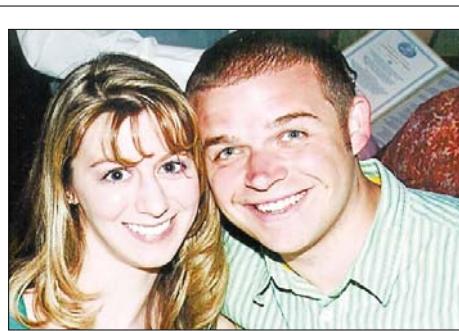
How They Met: Spanish class as undergrads at the University of Maryland. "We started going to lunch together every

day and became fast friends," says Carissa. "We were too chicken to do anything about it for a year and a half."

First Impressions: "He's cute, but way out of my league." "She was the most beautiful girl ever."

First Date: Dinner at the Cheesecake Factory in Chevy Chase.

How He Proposed: "We 'found' a seashell with a ring in it while walk-



ing on the beach in the Bahamas," says Carissa. "For a second, I thought we'd found pirate treasure."

When He Knew: For Matthew, it was

pretty simple: "As soon as she walked into the classroom."

Celebrating Heritage: "I grew up dancing the jitterbug with my dad in our living room," says Carissa. "So, we wanted our father-daughter dance to be a happy one." They'll dance to "My Girl" by the Temptations.

With an Infinite Budget ... "I would have booked Huey Lewis and the News to play at the reception," says Matthew.

Making It Unique: Aside from homemade brownies as favors, "Matthew's surprising me with a song he's singing to me," says Carissa. "I'm just hoping it's not 'Brick House.'"

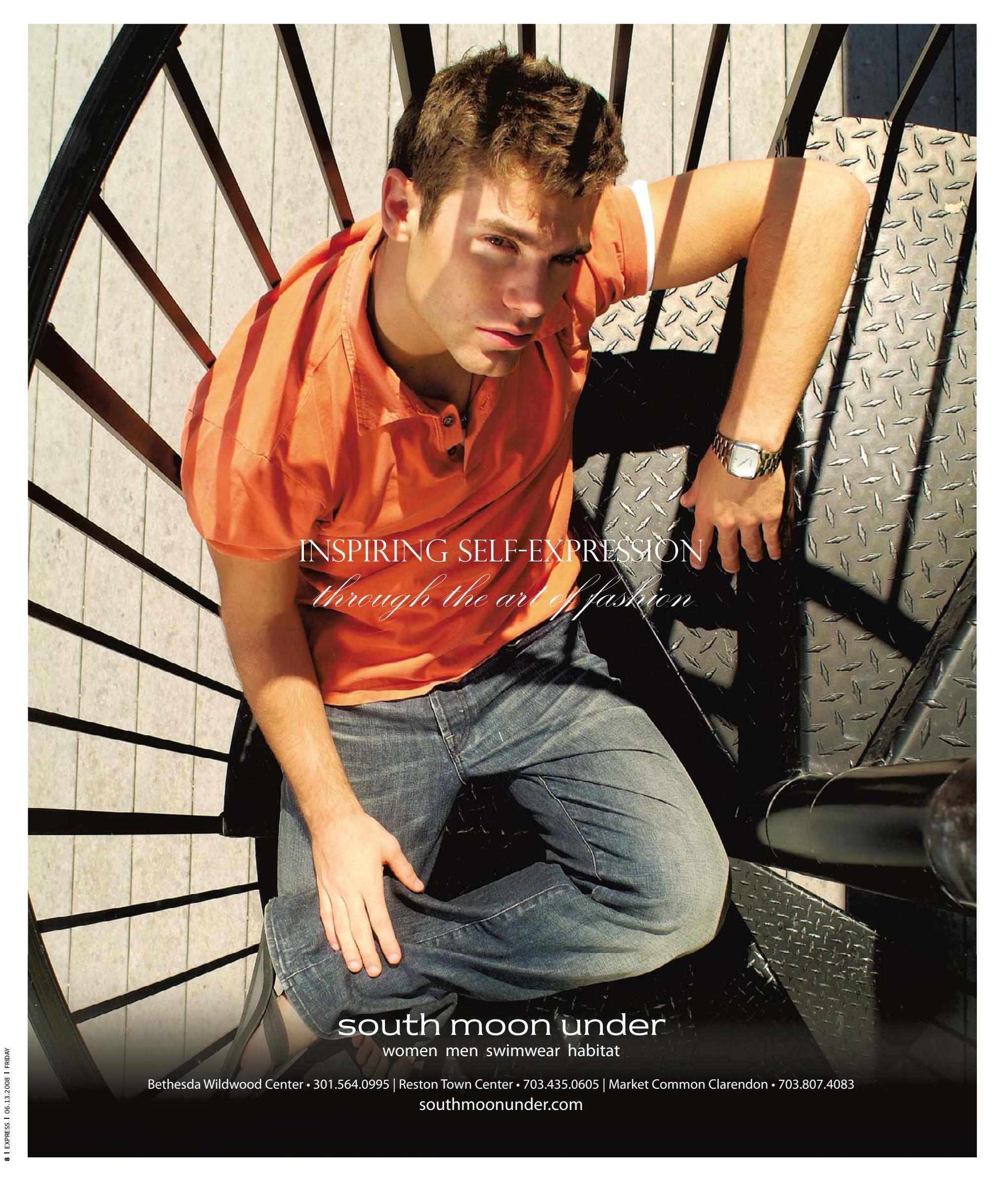
dimmed lights, candles, red wine and Peter Gabriel's 'Book of Love' playing in the background," he says.

Their Song: U2's "Sunday Bloody Sunday." "I knew our first date was going well and I wanted to see her again. So, in discussing music, I bet her a second date that U2 filmed the video in Red Rocks, Colo." Joel turned out to be right.

When She Knew: "On our third date! Joel was trying to be all cool and find out if I wanted to have children someday. It was cute he was trying to ask without being too forward."



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